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'Wanton distortion of history' is reviewer's description of Jesus Christ Superstar

By FRANK MICHAELS

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CJN Film Critic

Jesus Christ Superstar, filmed in the Negev, is a wanton distortion of history, an ignorant and mendacious attacks on Jews and Judaism, an abuse of Israel's hospitality, and the most regressive religious film of the post-war era.

Admittedly, these are serious charges.

But, then, **Superstar** surpasses the frivolous insensitivity of a **Bridget Loves Bernie**, and even the sick self-hatred of a **Portnoy's Complaint**, in terms of impact and social consequence. In a social context of aggressive revivalism, pietistic Jesus-freaking, and mounting intolerance for religious pluralism, **Superstar** spotlights the central core of Christian mythology.

In itself, this is a legitimate exercise. Far from illuminating that central core, however, **Superstar** throws a lurid, sectarian glare on the most primitive, sensational focus of the Christian myth--the Jewish scapegoat. In so doing, **Superstar** reverts to the same dynamic at work in the medieval crucifixion plays and related folklore obsessed with fictional Jewish blood-ritual, Host-desecration, and Christ-killing. The passion and hysteria engendered this powerful dynamic invariably achieved its catharsis in a purge of Jews in the real world rather than a purge of emotions in a theatrical setting.

How can a director of Jewison's stature portray the ancestors of Anatevka's warm, humorous, endearing inhabitants as sinister refugees from the **Cabinet of Dr. Caligari**? How can he prevert the menorah into a symbol of satanic intrigue, violence, and oppression? How trace the source of Tevye's proud, humane tradition to a contemptible, corrupt cabal?

The answer rests partly with Jewison's failure to find anything positive, patterned, or even plausible about Jesus and the original Jesus movement in the stage version itself. The Christian component of **Superstar** consists almost exclusively of cheap charisma, groovy clothing, Coke-commercial choreography, and mindless energy. Villification of the Jews supplies the focus **Superstar**'s Christian material sorely lacks.

To a greater degree, Jewison's dramatic about-face and **Superstar**'s severe anti-Jewish bias can be attributed to an abysmal ignorance of Jewish and early Christian history. Unfortunately, this ignorance characterizes much of popular Christian mythology, which is in dire need of revision, and is shared by many Jews as well. Nothing makes me more despondent than talking with Jews who have seen **Superstar** and succumbed to unwarranted guilt, unnecessary confusion.

Although it is not my purpose here to elaborate the history in question (for this, see Max Dimont's **Jews, God and History**), certain facts must be reiterated to counter **Superstar**'s distortions.

The central presence in Judea, absent in Jewison's film, was the Roman army of occupation. The Jewish community, contrary to **Superstar**'s vicious caricature, encompassed three major religious tendencies -- Pharisee, Saduccee, and Essene--and a political spectrum ranging from hawks to doves. In addition, some 24 minor sects, with as many prophets and "messiahs," co-existed within Judaism's framework. Jesus, an Essene who founded the "Christian" sect, was a Jew, taught observance of Mosaic law, and had nothing to fear from the complex community **Superstar** brands as the bogeyman of "the Jews."

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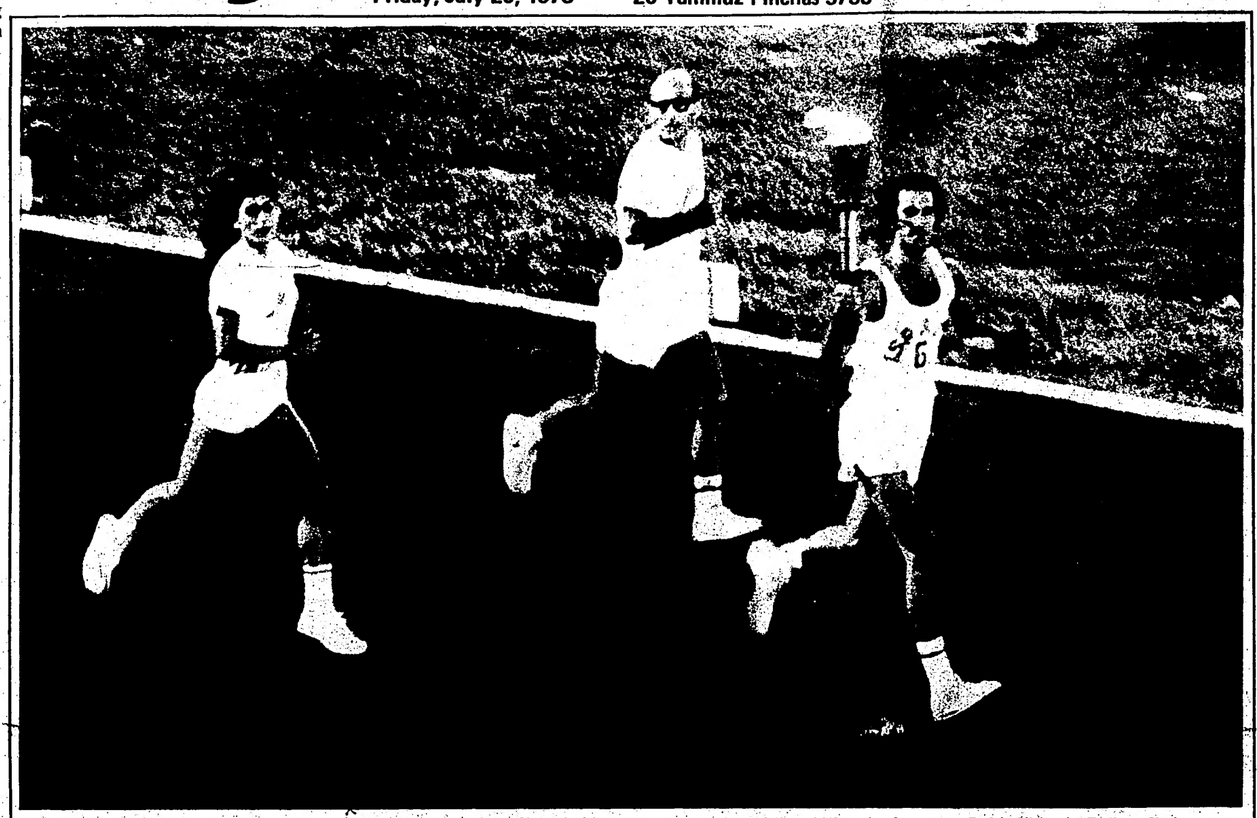

Tal Brodie, Israel basketball star, and immigrant from the U.S., holds the Maccabiah flame running around the Ramat Gan Stadium at the opening ceremonies of the ninth annual games. Behind him is Esther Shahamorov and Israel Ladani. Canada only had moderate success in competition.

Narrow economic gap, urges Mrs. Meir

JERUSALEM (JCNS)-

Calling for the narrowing of the economic gap between different sections of the Israeli society, Prime Minister Meir said here that "poverty in Israel is not so great that it cannot be overcome."

The prime minister was addressing 300 delegates of the Moetzet Hapoalot Pioneer Women's Organization of Israel and the Diaspora assembled in Jerusalem to mark the state's 25th anniversary.

Mrs. Meir asked for a "re-examination of values handed down in every Israeli home" and also referred to the startling feature on Israeli TV recently in the wake of a report by a commission on underprivileged youth.

The prime minister is believed to have been upset by the tone of the TV program depicting the circumstances of two large Jerusalem families, with the children shown as suffering from malnutrition. Some quarters allege that it is a mishandling of affairs rather than insufficient means which is the core of the problem faced by these families. However, a ministry of social welfare investigation of the families' situations undertaken after the television program revealed that the program was substantially correct.

Mrs. Meir told the Knesset that apart from security there was no more urgent topic demanding the government's attention than that of socially deprived sections of the population. She was replying to a series of opposition motions calling for an open debate in the Knesset on the situation of underprivileged children. The motions were rejected by 32 votes to 21.

Relations between Israel and Russians may be improving

By a Special JCNS Correspondent
NEW YORK (JCNS)-

There are a number of indications that relations between Israel and the Soviet Union, broken off at the time of the Six Day War, may be improving. There are even some hopes, though no firm expectations, that the way is being prepared for a resumption of diplomatic relations.

A top diplomat at the United Nations told a JCNS special correspondent: "We have noticed a considerable change in the Russian attitude. There are a number of small events, which singly would not be of any particular significance but taken together do seem to reveal a certain Russian trend towards better relations with Israel.

The visit of the Russian journalist Victor Louis is one such indication. Louis is not merely a journalist: he is clearly employed by some Russian government agency, possibly the KGB (security police). He has visited Israel before without affecting Russian - Israeli relations, but his recent visit might well have a different outcome.

"It was noticeable at the recent security council debate on the Middle East that Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet foreign minister, was comparatively moderate in his language. For the most part he used far fewer extreme and bitter expressions about Israel than has been his wont. Moreover, he allowed himself to be seen chatting amicably with Yosef Tekoah, Israel's UN representative, with whom he has had some vigorous and occasionally embittered encounters. This was the more surprising because the Egyptians were known to be particularly furious with Tekoah following his success in outmanoeuvring their foreign minister, Dr. Mohammed Zayyat, and embroiling him with the Jordanian delegate."

During the recent talks between President Nixon and Leonid Brezhnev, the Soviet leader, the Russians did not press the Arab case with the vigor that Cairo would have liked. I also learned that a top Soviet diplomat suggested to Jacob Stein, president of the Conference of President's of Major Jewish Organizations, that they should keep in touch on questions of Russian Jewry.

"Such moves by the Russians are never done accidentally. They are the result of careful initiatives from much higher sources in Moscow. They certainly indicate a new trend. I cannot say yet whether this will mean a resumption of relations with Israel. Only the Kremlin knows," my diplomatic informant told me. These indications come at a time when Russia's relations with the radical Arab states have slumped badly. President Sadat is dissatisfied with the lack of support from the Kremlin and has sent his experienced emissary, Hafez Ismail, to Moscow.

HOLY COWS ?

By THOMAS SCHNURMACHER
MONTREAL-

Almost 3,000 Olim are leaving Montreal for Israel. They are all females and most of them are under three months old. Is Aliyah hitting the nursery set? Not really. These olim are female dairy heifers,

Moshe Palmon, livestock expert for the Settlement (Agriculture) Department of the Jewish Agency explained: "There is a big shortage of dairy cattle in Israel. We produce 400,000,000 litres of milk annually and we need an additional 100,000,000. Though Israel does import some powdered milk and butter, we don't really like to settle for second best. For fresh dairy products, we need fresh milk.

The Holstein-Frisian heifers are being transported to Israel by KLM and Air Canada direct from Dorval airport to Lod airport. The shipments will continue until the beginning of August.

Palmon is very pleased with the Canadian purchase.

"Our first shipment was sent to the heart of the Negev where the temperature is between 100 degrees and 115 degrees with a humidity of 35 per cent. Despite these extreme conditions, the heifers are faring very well and their mortality rate is an astoundingly low 1/2 of one per cent."

The heifers being exported come from St. Julie and St. Pie, Quebec. Palmon says: "We are dealing with a Mr. Trudeau and a Mr. Bernard and they are both really wonderful. They are excellent farmers and exporters and we hope to do more business with them next year."

Next year in Jerusalem. Even for the cows.

Newly-elected president of Canadian UIA calls for greater regional autonomy in campaign

From our Quebec Bureau
MONTREAL-

The newly elected president of the United Israel Appeal of Canada marked the start of his leadership term by calling for greater decentralization, with the regions represented in the nation-wide fund drive assuming increased autonomy.

"Since Canada is so large you have distinct regional differences, and local problems must be solved at that level. The central aspect of leadership should act as a catalyst or trigger mechanism to elicit local pride and involvement," said Thomas Hecht.

He empahsized this is a gradual process which begins by giving regions a greater degree of autonomy in running their affairs and by involving more people throughout Canada in the fund raising effort.

This delegation of authority implies that regional heads are not expected to refer back to the national level in the decision making process -- permitting each region to act as a unit.

The structure of the UIA has also evolved in the direction of decentralization by including the new post of deputy president, which was recently occupied by Arnold Portugal of Winnipeg.

The new president succeeds Gordon Brown, who steps down after two years in office. Brown will remain active in UIA affairs as chairman of the board of directors.

Hecht brings the top post a new brand of statesmanship, an urbane confidence and sophistication that makes him the most promising leader to follow in the difficult footsteps of Brown. A former Combined Jewish Appeal chairman, Hecht served on the executive committee of Allied Jewish Community Services as well as on the budget, fund raising, and leadership development

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Quebec's open door policy is aimed at tapping 'black gold' of the Middle East

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief
Third of four parts
MONTREAL-

In Quebec the work of the Federation of Arab Canadian Societies is assisted, in a subtle manner, by the provincial government's natural desire for economic growth. The province has made moves in recent months to attract Arab financial investments in order "to tap their black gold."

The province has opened its doors to immigrants coming from the Middle East, and at the present time, over half of the Canadian Arab community resides in Montreal.

An article which appeared in the French-language daily **La Presse** reported that "it is only certain" that Quebec will open a bureau in Beirut, and its role, for the meantime, will be focused in the immigration domain.

Denis Vaganais, director of the international relations service of the department of inter-governmental affairs, said that if the results are positive, "Quebec could profit from the immense reservoir of capital... in the countries of the black gold."

One highly-placed source revealed that negotiations are presently taking place between the Quebec government and one Middle East government to invest in oil refineries in Eastern Montreal.

In Montreal, the two local groups are the federation and the Quebec-Palestine Association, but other, smaller committees operate on the campuses, notably the Palestine Association of Montreal. Headed by student Jean Paquin, the group is active at the University of Montreal.

Such groups as the Solidarity with Indo-Chinese People, the Iranian Students Association of McGill University, and the Progressive Ethiopian Students' Front, and other ineffective Maoist groups are closely aligned in spirit to the objectives of the federation.

The work of the smaller groups is limited to information distribution, art exhibitions, and cultural soirees. Demonstrations have rarely attracted a sizeable group.

Rezeq Faraj, the professional attached to the federation and the Quebec-Palestine Association, claims that there are some 2,000 members in Montreal. "But only a few hundred are active," he points out. Faraj says that his salary is supported by the membership, and that the organization is structured as a "charitable" institution.

His duties include acting as a central communication link between the various groups on the island, and to help organize their activities. He also stated that the organization tries to raise funds for the medical and financial support of the Palestinian refugee, and to present the media with the "real truth" in the Middle East debate.

Faraj denies any connection of the Quebec-Palestine Association with the Palestine Liberation Organization, although he admits that the association is in close contact with the PLO's Research Centre. An external affairs department spokesman in Ottawa told **The Canadian Jewish News** that there is no PLO office in Canada, and that no application has been received to open one up.

Although Faraj has worked with other Palestinian groups in Europe, Kuwait, and Canada, he says that he plays a "minor role" here. He doesn't consider himself a revolutionary because "a revolutionary would fight." He would, however, like to live in China, "where there is no exploitation."

Faraj is also editor of **Fedayin**, a monthly periodical initiated last March, which is published by the Quebec - Palestine Association. In that organization he is president.

The periodical is financed by the Montreal Council of the Confederation of National Trade Unions where Michel Chartrand holds the office of president.

Chartrand has grown increasingly more sympathetic to the Arab cause in the Middle East, particularly after his visit last year. He now displays his concern for the Arab cause by having the Quebec trade union organization help support the Arab movement in Quebec society.

The Montreal Council of the CNTU also absorbs the rental costs of the association's third floor offices in downtown Montreal. The building is rented by the CNTU. Faraj says he has a staff of 60 coming to the office, and who rotate their work on a volunteer basis.

The Fedayin newspaper is Maoist - Marxist oriented, and is designed to appeal to the trade union movement. Most observers are quick to point out, with some reason, that workers are, in the final analysis, least concerned with a foreign problem several thousand miles away. Bread and butter issues are their real concern.

Faraj may also agree with this assertion, for as he states, "although we are the most active group (in Canada), our membership is the least of them."

FORWARD TO PALESTINE
NOT BACKWARD TO SETTLEMENT

A poster exhorting Arabs to accept no peace settlement is widely distributed by the Federation of Arab Canadian Societies which has its headquarters in Montreal.

B'nai B'rith says outside intervention needed if Jews in Iraq and Syria are to be rescued

LAUSANNE (JTA)-

The international president of B'nai B'rith, the worldwide Jewish service organization, expressed concern here over the increasingly desperate plight of Jews in Iraq and Syria and called for the massive intervention of world leaders.

David Blumberg of Knoxville, Tenn., addressing the annual meeting of the International Council of B'nai B'rith, declared that unless there is outside intervention, it is only a question of time before both of these beleaguered communities -- hostages of the Middle East conflict--disappear.

"There is incontestable evidence," he said, "that the barbaric anti-Jewish policies of these governments stand in clear violation of the provisions of article two of the UN Genocide Convention, which defined genocide as acts committed with the intent to destroy in whole or in part a national, ethnic, racial or religious group." Blumberg made an urgent appeal to UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim and "all friendly governments" to intercede immediately on behalf of the Jews in these countries.

About 50 delegates, representing 40 countries, attended the two-and-a-half-day session. It was the first time in nearly a decade that the council has met on the European continent.

The rabbi came by subway--on Shabbat

COPENHAGEN (JCNS)-

Denmark's Jewish community has been rocked by the disclosure that its popular young rabbi, Rabbi Jacob Garfinkel, 26, travelled by underground train to conduct a Sabbath service in a synagogue in Copenhagen. When asked to explain his infringement of the Sabbath laws, he replied that a rabbi in Israel had told him that if a travel warrant was sewn on his overcoat and he did not carry money, he could use transport to go to synagogue.

Rabbi Garfinkel came from the United States soon after Rabbi Melchior succeeded his late father, Rabbi Marcus Melchior, as chief rabbi in January 1970.

In April this year Rabbi Garfinkel and his wife moved from their flat near the synagogue in Copenhagen to a house situated about an hour's walking distance away. He was seen coming out of the underground station near the synagogue on the first Saturday after moving.

WORLD NEWS

Career diplomats move on to new assignments

WASHINGTON (JTA)–

Six of the Israel embassy's principal diplomats, including two of its three officials with the rank of minister, are leaving Washington for new assignments, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today. In addition, two of the embassy's eight consul-generals in the United States -- those in San Francisco and Atlanta -- are due for replacement by the end of this year.

Embassy officials told the JTA these were routine transfers at the end of normal tours of duty. Several of the diplomats, however, have served longer than the usual three - year span. "There is hardly a ripple of policy change."

Career diplomat Simcha Dinitz replaced Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin early in March after the latter had been in the post for five years but it was emphasized to the JTA that the shifts currently being made have no connection with the ambassadorial assignment to Dinitz by Premier Golda Meir.

The ministers departing are Avner Idan and information director Zvi Brosh. Idan who left for Jerusalem, is expected to be appointed Israeli ambassador to Sweden. In Washington since June 1971, he had been charge d'affaire of the embassy during the absences of the ambassador. Idan came here from the post of minister of the embassy in Bonn. His successor is Mordechai Shalev, who is now in Washington. Shalev came here from the position of director of the Israel foreign ministry's African affairs department. He previously served as consul-general in Los Angeles and subsequently as ambassador to Ghana.

Brosh, who is the minister of information, is returning to Jerusalem in mid-July for a senior post in the foreign ministry. He arrived in Washington in July 1970 after four years as ambassador to Burma and Ceylon. Previously he was press counsellor at the mission in West Germany. In his capacity as director of the embassy's public affairs, Brosh travelled widely to all parts of the U.S. He made hundreds of speeches on a great variety of forums.

His replacement is Moshe Arad, who until now was deputy to the counsul general in New York. Arad was posted to New York last September, after four years as press counsellor in London.

Economic Minister Ze'ev Sher, whose office is in New York, is continuing in his post. He arrived in the U.S. a year ago.

Political Counsellor Zvi Rafiah will replace Counsellor Amos Eiran, who left the post last fall. Rafiah was with the foreign ministry's research department in Jerusalem. Previously he was with the legation in Ankara. Eiran had been on loan from the Histadrut. He is now managing director of "Miztachin," the Histadrut pension fund.

Austrians are angry over air base spending

VIENNA (JTA)–

The opposition Peoples (Conservative) Party has said that it would raise in parliament reports that an Austrian government-owned construction company is building a military air base in Saudi Arabia. An opposition spokesman said the party would demand a clarifying statement from Foreign Minister Rudolph Kirschschlaeger because the alleged construction compromises Austria's neutrality in the Middle East conflict.

According to press reports here, construction of the air base at Al Abha, Saudi Arabia, began in 1971. The base includes a hanger for 12 fighter-bombers, a bomb test site and personnel barracks.

Mohammed H. el-Zayyat, the Egyptian foreign minister, recently arrived here on a four-day visit for talks with Chancellor Bruno Kreisky and other Austrian government officials. El-Zayyat met President Tito of Yugoslavia in Belgrade before coming to Vienna.

The Egyptian diplomat's visit to Yugoslavia, which is unaligned but friendly to the Arab cause and to Austria which is neutral in the Middle East conflict, is believed to be the latest in Egypt's periodic efforts to promote its Mideast position among European powers.

Conductor is buried

PARIS (JTA)–

Burial services were held at the Jewish cemetery in Zurich for Otto Klemperer, who died in his home in Zurich at the age of 88. The conductor, regarded as one of the country's foremost interpreters of Beethoven and other German masters, was born Jewish but converted to Roman Catholicism at the time of his marriage in 1919. He later reverted to Judaism and became a citizen of Israel in 1970.

Klemperer was born in Breslau and achieved musical fame early in his career. The advent of the Nazis forced him to flee Germany and in 1934 he came to the United States. In 1939 he underwent surgery for a brain tumor and his conducting career remained in hiatus until the mid-1950s.

Prime Minister Meir meets with an Arab from Gaza who also came to see the products Israel manufactures at the Industry Exhibition in Tel Aviv. (Photo from IPPA)

Dictionary upheld

LONDON (JCNS)–

A British High Court judge ruled that Marcus Shloimovitz, could not succeed in his attempt to stop the publishers of the Oxford group of dictionaries from continuing to publish some definitions of the word "Jew" which he described as "scurrilous." However, although Justice Goff accepted the publisher's submission that Shloimovitz's writ of injunction against them would be struck out, he took the opportunity of paying a public tribute to Jewish people.

He said, "It must be absolutely apparent to everybody, and I am happy to say this in open court, that there are many fine persons who are Jewish by birth, creed or faith who are of the utmost integrity, honesty, reputation and skill and ability, and if there be Jews, and I have no doubt there are, who do not, in fact, measure up to that standard, there are many people who are not Jews who are just as bad or worse and there are many non-Jews to whom these derogatory words (the dictionary definitions) could be applied. But that is not the question before me.

"I hope what I have said may assist the plaintiff (Shloimovitz) and relieve his feelings to some extent. I am pleased to have the opportunity of paying this public tribute to his race and creed."

Shloimovitz lost his case on a point of law. The judge agreed with counsel for the publishers, Clarendon Press, part of the Oxford University Press, that the only possible cause of action which the plaintiff had was one of defamation and in this it was essential in law for Shloimovitz to show that the words complained of in the dictionaries reflected upon himself and that people would believe that these words were referred to him.

In presenting his case, Shloimovitz said that in giving definitions of the word "Jew," both as a noun and as a verb, the Shorter Oxford Dictionary, the Concise Oxford Dictionary of Current English, and the Oxford English Dictionary described the word as meaning "deals craftily," "to cheat or overreach in the way attributed to Jewish traders or usurers," and other offensive definitions.

He claimed that they were scurrilous definitions of the word "Jew" and were prejudical references and were not common in current English, colloquial or otherwise. The dictionaries, he said, reached thousands of young, impressionable people in this country and overseas. He maintained that the publishers should not perpetuate malignant prejudices but rather should seek to eradicate them.

Kahane released from Israeli jail

JERUSALEM (JCNS)–

The Supreme Court has reversed the decision of the Jerusalem District Court and agreed that the leader of the Jewish Defence League, Rabbi Meir Kahane, should be released on bail pending trial on charges of conspiracy to kidnap and murder foreign political personalities in the United States.

The kidnappings were to have taken place during the visit of the Soviet leader, Leonid Brezhnev, to America recently. Rabbi Kahane has been released on bail fixed at $25,000.

The militant JDL leader had been in custody for a month and though Rabbi Kahane admitted sending letters containing instructions for the kidnappings of Soviet diplomats to his followers, Justice Moshe Landau accepted the defence plea that since the letters had been intercepted there was no chance of the instructions being implemented.

The state's attorney, Gabriel Bach, said that the charges were too serious to allow Rabbi Kahane to be released on bail. He added that Rabbi Kahane might make another attempt to follow-through the conspiracy. Earlier, it was reported that the Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, approached the minister of police, Shlomo Hillel requesting the American rabbi should be released on bail.

Amendment under pressure

By CHARLES FENYVESI

WASHINGTON (JCNS)–

Yet another effort is underway here to bring about the dropping of the Jackson amendment. Initiated by Senator Henry Jackson -- Democrat, Washington -- the amendment seeks to prevent the granting of most - favored - nation status to Russia in trade matters unless she allows free emigration.

There appears to be an agreed U.S.-Soviet line to the effect that Soviet Jewish emigration is continuing at a "reasonable" and "satisfactory" rate, which neither strains Israel's resources nor poses difficulties for the Soviet leaders. Soviet and U.S. officials also express appreciation for the low -key Jewish protest here during Brezhnev's visit, which they call a sign of "statesmanship."

American and Soviet diplomats are seeking to convey the impression that a thaw is slowly taking place in relations between Russia and world Jewry, possibly including Israel as well. Thus, the argument goes, the Jackson amendment "which is asking an unreasonable price from the Kremlin," ought to be abandoned.

One high - ranking Soviet official explained to me that President Nixon and Brezhnev made significant progress in putting aside the troublesome issues of the Middle East and Soviet Jewry so that neither conflict now stands in the way of detente and a further improvement in bilateral relations.

Although on several occasions during the past five years the same official habitually sounded pessimistic about the prospects of both an Israel - Soviet rapprochement and an Arab-Israeli settlement, this time he expressed optimism on both counts. He predicted that the gap between Washington and Moscow concerning the Middle East will not remain as wide as it is today. However, he added, "almost everything depends on the parties in the region. Neither the U.S. nor the Soviet Union can make a settlement for them."

Defence of Israel draws praise from B'nai B'rith

NEW YORK (JTA)–

The B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League has welcomed a statement by a group of leading Christian scholars denying Israel's policy is one of belligerence and warning that "anti-Semitism is a Pandora's box from which spring out not only atrocities against Jews but also contempt for Christ."

The statement, by the 18-member Israel Study Group, asserts that Israel's sovereignty is valid "on moral and juridical grounds," that "Christian hostility and indifference" to Israel constitute "a major source of friction in contemporary Christian - Jewish relations," and that "the fierce persecution" of Jews by Christians has reflected "gross ignorance of Jewish history and religion."

Rabbi Solomon S. Bernards, director of ADL's inter-religious co-operation department, said the statement was "an exceptionally sensitive and insightful appreciation of Jewish faith, affirmation and self-understanding." The Israel Study Group, currently chaired by the Rev. John T. Pawlikowski, of the Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, was formed two years ago by the Council of Churches and the Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations. Its statement made several other points:

Even underground, as now, anti-Semitism is "a difficult virus to counterattack," having "a pervasiveness that infects our whole civilization." But fortunately "some Christian churches are working hard" to excise anti - Semitic references from liturgy and education.

Christianity "is rooted in the life of the people of Israel," and "it is a tragedy of history that Jesus, our bond of unity with the Jews, has all too often become a symbol and source of division and bitterness because of human weakness and pride.

"Two religious traditions, not a single Judeo-Christian tradition, have shaped our culture," and "one's understanding of the spiritual nature of the human person remains incomplete without the other." Jewish worship and life are "authentic forms of service to the true God." The statement warned that, if inflation and unemployment worsen or another depression sets in, "we can be fairly sure that the radical right and/or the radical left will make Jews out to be the culprits."

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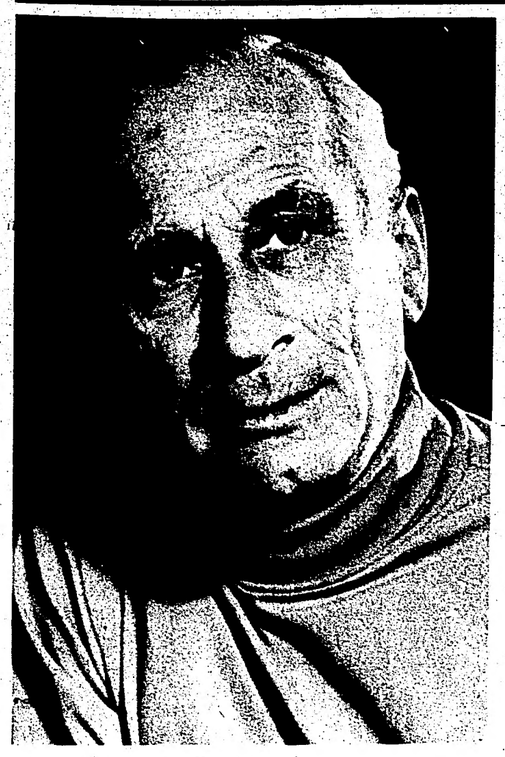

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Camp counsellors today a new and aware breed

By MOURA WOLPERT
HAMILTON–

A day camp counsellor is a young person, usually a teenager too old to be a camper himself and too young for a job, who wiles away the long hot summer babysitting a bunch of little kids.

the accepted view of things and the job of being a counsellor was as much a way of keeping the teenager out of mischief as his young charges. But, if the campers are still much the same sort of kids as before, today's young counsellor is a different breed: superbly trained, confident, ready to cope with any situtation or child and, above all, aware.

At least, that is the hope of Michael Briks, director of Camp Kadimah, the day camp run by the Hamilton Community Centre. For the past year Mike, 25, has been the centre's youth director and judging by the success of his program, this summer's Kadimah counsellors should turn out to be a particularly successful group.

Camp started at the beginning of this month with a full enrolment of 165 campers for July and 135 for August and the 36 counsellors will be kept busy with a full and varied program which includes all kinds of arts and crafts, swimming, canoeing, overnights -- including trips lasting several days -- and even, just a few miles from downtown Hamilton -- portaging.

Counsellor training began last January, the longest orientation program ever attempted at the centre. Mike devised a three - level program and in order to give his counsellors as much exposure to different ideas and people as possible, sessions were always held in small and ever changing groups.

Stage One was "The Age I Am Not" -- designed to make prospective counsellors aware of what it feels to be, say, a four-year-old and thus, in turn, more appreciative of a four-year-old's feelings.

Stage Two concentrated on feelings and the importance of being aware of the results the expression of either positive or negative feelings can have on the individual or group. The Third Stage was based on the premise that creativity can be learned and that even the least creative person can train himself to be creative in one way or another.

Most important of all, however, Mike says that "training is an on-going process which does not end when camp starts" and he hopes that his staff will be able to rely and depend on each other for effective handling of the problems that will inevitably crop up.

Sephardim need world tie: federation head

By FRANCOISE GOSSELIN
MONTREAL–

Francophone Jews representing Sephardic communities across Canada met last weekend to choose a president for the newly created Sephardic Federation of Canada.

Elias Y. Malka was elected to the presidency for two years following a weekend of conferences where the general guidelines of the federation were drawn up.

In his speech, Malka, an executive of the Canadian Zionist Federation and Allied Jewish Community Services, said, "there is much work to be done and the creation of the federation is not an end in itself but rather only a beginning. We must no longer be an object in history. The time has come to assume our destiny through our daily work."

Malka is president of both the education commission of the Sephardic Francophone Association and of the administrative body of the Maimonides School -- the only Sephardic francophone school in Montreal. "Our elite, such as high school teachers and university professors must help sensitize their institutions to the needs of Sephardic communities."

In order to preserve and promote the Sephardic identity, Malka believes that "youth participation must be sought in programs destined to inform Canadians about the Sephardic culture." He intends to promote the use of seminars at the academic level, dealing with the Sephardic culture in history and its condition in the world today. He also projects to foster the use of organized trips to countries where knowledge of Sephardic culture may be acquired from direct sources.

There are over two million Sephardic Jews scattered in the United States, Israel, Europe, Asia and Africa. Another 25,000 live in Canada. Malka would like to reinforce these communities by creating a permanent world-wide link among them. "All these communities must work together towards this unifying goal," he said.

Malka is a national member of the Canadian Jewish Congress and was president of the Sephardic Francophone Association from 1968 to 1972. He is presently assisted by Vice-President David Avayou.

Tokyo thriving as pocket of Judaism

HAMILTON–

"A little pocket of Judaism" is how Larry Enkin, vice-president and general manager of Cambridge Clothes, Hamilton, describes the Jewish community centre in Tokyo, Japan.

He and Mrs. Enkin were among 130 Canadian clothing manufacturers who have just returned from a 10-day visit to Japan at the invitation of Japanese suppliers.

Enkin was recently named man of the year by the Needle Trade Management Association of Ontario in recognition of the fact that his company is one of the most progressive in the industry, as well as for his active participation in the organization and his support of new techniques and training methods.

He had long wanted to visit Japan and the invitation by the Japanese trade presented a perfect opportunity.

Enkin and his wife attended a Friday night service at the Jewish community centre in Tokyo, where they found strong security measures still in force following the tragic incident at Lod airport more than a year ago, where three Japanese had been involved with Arab terrorists.

Activities of the thriving community of about a couple of hundred Jews, almost all ex-patriate Americans, are centred around the community centre, which offers all possible facilities, including a Hebrew day school.

Music–the indestructible weaponry of Terezin

By DOROTHY LIPOVENKO
CJN Staff Reporter
TORONTO–

Music in Terezin.

Say it softly. It conjures up memories of a Vienna waltz. It possess a misty, melodic quality that eases the heart and caresses the soul. It could be a concert hall rippling in the polite applause of white-gloved ladies.

Terezin and its music are none of these, but an illusion that flickered to life, only to perish in the ovens of Auschwitz. It could not escape the barbed wire, and lay trapped in the minds of those who existed in death's shadows in 1941 at Terezin.

Karel Ancerl, conductor of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra until his untimely death a few weeks ago, would have remembered Terezin. And the music. It was he who organized an orchestra there, from among his fellow prisoners. Like a Moses, he led them from the slavery of a fetid concentration camp existence into the Holy Land of music.

The desire to play and listen to music was common to all--it grew out of the need to staive off mental deterioration that threatened to eat away at the minds of the inmates. Social status played no part in the orchestra's selection. It was composed of former professionals and good amateurs. Ancerl, in a book entitled **Terezin** (loaned to **The CJN** by Torontonian Moe Tartick), describes the major problem--population turnover. With so many prisoners arriving each day and with the unfortunate ones singled out for the slaughter, it became difficult to secure anyone who played a wind instrument. The solution was simple; an all string orchestra was organized and with the help of Prague's Jewish community, as many string instruments as possible were smuggled in.

The ghetto library provided an ample selection of musical scores, but no paper. Ancerl said: "Our will to play music overcame all obstacles. We received a little paper from the officials of the Council of Elders. It was so bad that it was hardly possible to write on it in ink. The rest of the badly needed paper was "organized," i.e. stolen at every available opportunity. Now we had to line the paper all night long and to copy the individual parts. This was done in an incredibly short time and we now owned an archive of three numbers. A period of intense rehearsing began."

The first concert was awaited with anticipation. Twenty years later, says Ancerl, it was hardly possible to imagine the quality of the orchestra. Perhaps it was a noble rag to hide a shabby body, a means to placate the mind to grow accustomed to death. It refreshed the soul with the vibrancy of life -- like a feeble man recapturing lost youth.

The orchestra lasted almost a year. At one point, a farce was staged to show how "ideal" prison life really was. The orchestra was instructed to play in a hall of a cafe. All were issued black suits and Ancerl's stand was covered with flowers to hide his clogs. Ancerl was told to introduce the composer Paul Haas after the first performance of his music to an invisible cheering audience. This was filmed by the Nazis and shown to the outside world, for propaganda purposes.

Two days later, the only music the orchestra and the 2,500 ghetto inmates heard was the roaring fires of the Auschwitz ovens. Only Ancerl and three orchestra members survived. And the archive of three musical scores.

Each man belongs to something; each man is unique in his own way. If nothing else remains as a living tribute to the three men and Ancerl, let it be the archive that was a labor of love. Fire destroys life, creates death, but cannot sear the endurance of love.

At Talmud Torah

Co-operation!

VANCOUVER–

In another example of the communal co-operation that has greeted the announcement of the founding of the new Jewish Community High School, the Vancouver Talmud Torah has agreed to provide physical facilities for the new school.

Talmud Torah officials pointed out that both schools are beneficiaries of the Jewish Community Fund and Council and this double use of its facilities will put the building to maximum use for educating all age-groups within the community.

According to Leonard Oberstein, principal of the Community High School, the school will have its own administrative personnel. Dennis Frankenburg has consented to serve as treasurer of the school.

The Community High School will be an ongoing school beginning in grade eight and continuing through graduation four or five years later. Courses will be offered in many areas of Jewish and Hebrew studies.

A sample of courses available this coming year are: conversational Hebrew on four levels, conversational Yiddish, modern Jewish history, North American Jewish literature (Bellow, Malamud, etc.), Talmud, Chumash, and Jewish philosophy.

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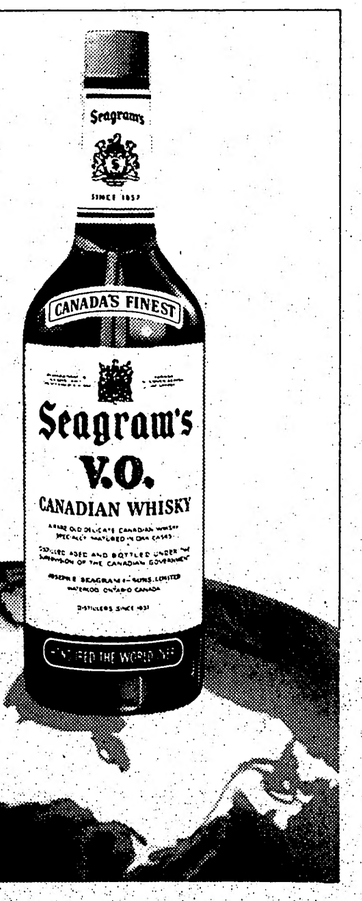

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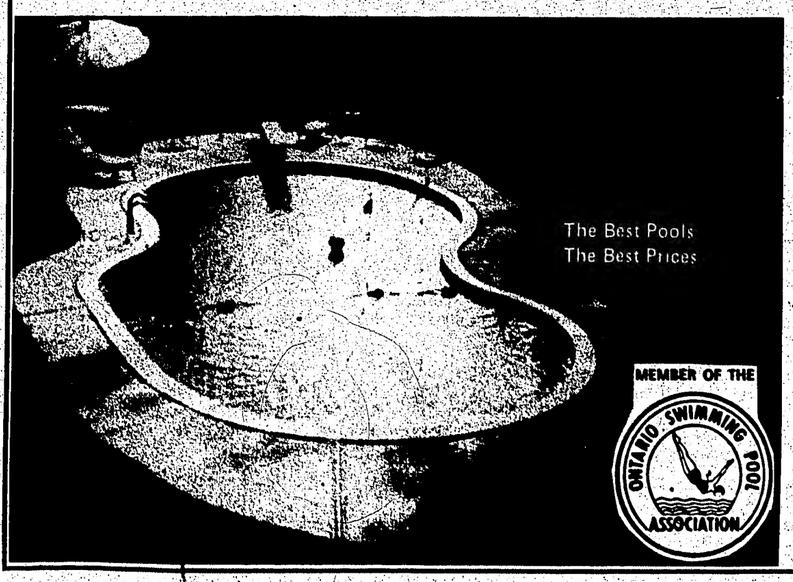

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The Arab offensive

Jerusalem seems to be losing propaganda war in 3rd World

No one should underestimate the power of the Arab propaganda machine to influence nations against Israel. We have seen African nations which have been the recipients of Israel's expertise in many fields, turn against their benefactor because they were unable to withstand Arab pressure.

There are still many Third World nations enjoying the best of relations with Israel. One of these is Gabon which has close economic ties with Israel. Thailand and Israel have signed an agreement for joint establishment of a national centre for the preparation of teaching and training aids. Dr. H. Kamuzu Banda, president of Malawi, has asked Israel to set up a youth service with the emphasis on agriculture and civic education. Other countries with which Israel has ties include Ethiopia, Kenya, Swaziland and Tanzania.

The enlightened self-interest which has led Israel to send its scientists to underdeveloped countries has built up a strong fund of goodwill towards the Jewish state. The experts were sent by Israel not to exploit, but to help the inhabitants help themselves, and if there has been rank ingratitude on the part of those African nations that turned away from the helping hand, well, Israel understands and makes no complaint. Oil dollars have been used to bribe these Third World lands to cut their ties with Israel.

In Latin American countries, too, the well-heeled Arab propaganda machine has been busy with anti-Israel activities in a concerted attempt to undermine the generally pro-Israel vote of Latin American countries.

Argentina and Brazil, the two largest and most developed of them all, are the prime target for the campaign, for the Arabs believe that if these nations can be influenced against Israel, other Latin American countries will follow their example. Of the seven countries that voted with Israel on every issue in the United Nations, four were from Latin America.

The propaganda war is a highly professional job, undertaken with considerable skill and with expenditure of huge sums. The full import of what is happening in Latin America does not appear to have been realized by world Jewry, at least not by the rank and file of Diaspora Jews. Both Argentina and Brazil have consumated large trade pacts with Arab nations, and the former in particular is moving rapidly into a close partnership with Israel's enemies.

It is important that the leaders of world Jewry take stock and inventory of developments in Latin American lands, for if the Arab assault on the goodwill of these countries towards Israel succeeds, the difficulties Israel already experiences at the United Nations will be compounded.

The American Jewish Committee, North America's pioneer human relations organization, says the results of a worldwide survey show that attacks on Zionism and Israel have become code words for anti-Semitism. Such attacks are being made by a broad range of groups from the extreme right to the new left.

Arab propaganda hitting at Israel and Zionism -- the words are interchangeable -- has reached a new low in credibility. According to King Faisal of Saudi Arabia, Zionism is responsible for Watergate and the British sex scandals. He ignores the established fact that not a single individual involved in Watergate or the British expose of sex orgies, was Jewish.

Guest editorial

Accept the fact medical heroics not always wise and necessary

By BERNARD BASKIN

Recently, Dr. Malcolm C. Todd, president-elect of the American Medical Association, asserted that mercy killings have "their place." He cautioned, however, that the individual doctor must be aided by a commission of doctors, lawyers and clergymen who should develop policy and guidelines on this "emotional problem."

Two widely-publicized cases of euthanasia have, once again, brought the entire agonizing and vexatious question to public view and debate.

In Neptune, N.J., a 26-year-old victim of a motorcycle accident, paralyzed from his neck down with irreversible paralysis, pleaded that he be killed. His younger brother used a sawed-off shotgun in the hospital to accede to his grisly request.

Dr. Vincent Montemarano, chief surgical resident of the Nassau County Medical Centre in Mineola, N.Y., admitted that he had administered a lethal dose of potassium chloride to a hopelessly ill cancer patient who was on the verge of death.

The basic argument against euthanasia is that it is not only subject to human error, but that it can lead to extremes and abuses. Hitler emptied the old folks' homes of Germany into the death camps. He asked: "Why must Germany pay for those who will never be useful to our economy?" He swept clean the schools for the retarded and the nurseries which cared for mongoloids and other unfortunates. The ruthless and calculating questions are familiar: Why maintain the aging? Of what use are they to themselves or their families? Why sustain the malformed and retarded? What kind of satisfactions can they enjoy in the light of their limitations?

In our society human life is already held too cheaply. Hiroshima, Dachau and Auschwitz, violence and assassination, the execution of political offenders in police states—these and other horrifying acts of inhumanity have tended to weaken the revulsion against the taking of human life which centuries of religious and ethical teachings have induced. Isn't euthanasia a step backwards into moral insensibility? Isn't it a danger our age can ill afford?

This position is cogent and, perhaps, unassailable. It is the classic Jewish attitude. But how are we to deal realistically with some of the problems with which modern science confronts us? How can a doctor practice medicine with equanimity knowing that much of what he does must always be held in creative tension with the will to preserve life. How is the physician to balance out these respective, and sometimes contradictory, claims?

Perhaps a new definition of death is necessary: When the brain no longer functions or when there is irreversible coma. There are tests for this kind of definition which the medical profession can make with relative assurance. If we regard "personality" in terms of control, capacity and consciousness—then when these have gone, life is no longer present. Do children show kindness to an elderly parent whose brain is already dead when they look at the doctor pleadingly and request: "Do everything you can." Often "devoted" children need to assuage their guilt or refuse to face reality.

A second step might be to accept the fact that medical "heroics" are not always wise or necessary. Doctors should be required to defend such extraordinary procedures. Why should teams of doctors armed with a variety of mechanical contrivances descend upon elderly patients during their last moments? It's one thing to fight for a 20-year-old whose life lies before him if there's the least chance he may regain consciousness; and quite another to fight over the body of an 88-year-old in a coma whose physical strength is minimal.

A doctor recently wrote of an elderly patient who implored: "Listen, doctor, I don't want to die with tubes sticking out all over me. I don't want that my children should remember their father that way. All my life, I tried to live so I could hold my head up... Now I'm dying. O.K. I'm not complaining. I'm old and tired and have seen enough of life, believe me. But still I want to be a man, not a vegetable that someone comes and waters every day."

The miracles of modern medicine have made the way we expire a perplexing problem. I know from my own experience, as well as from discussion with doctors, that many of the elderly want nothing more than to be allowed to die with dignity. Shouldn't doctors seriously consider their wishes?

When Rabbi Joshua lay dying, his disciples prayed hour after hour for his recovery. He couldn't die. Finally, a pious maid beseeched them: "You're praying for his agony. He is with God, let him be." He died, and the Talmud praises her for this action.

Rabbi Bernard Baskin is spiritual leader of Temple Anshe Sholom, Hamilton.

A familiar scene in Israel--immigrants arriving by place at Lod Airport. Officials however are expressing concern at the decline in the number of immigrants and the number who are giving up their life in Israel and returning to their homelands.

Jewish Agency worried

Immigration drop causes concern

By JAMES KRAUS
JERUSALEM-

The past few years since the Six Day War have seen a remarkable upsurge in the number of immigrants to Israel, and the Israeli government has placed special emphasis on "aliyah" from Europe and the Americas.

Now, however, this wave seems to have passed its peak and is rapidly dropping. This year, no more than 4,000 settlers from the U.S. and Canada are expected, compared to the more than 10,000 who came in 1969. Even more, a substantial number of immigrants have given up and gone back and the government and the Jewish Agency are worried.

Several things prompt immigrants to leave. Many have difficulty adjusting to the helter skelter quality of Israeli life and haven't been able to learn enough Hebrew to feel at home. Jobs are sometimes hard to find and money is constantly mentioned as a serious problem. General estimates are that a person would need 20 to 30 thousand dollars to settle with his family.

Many immigrants from the U.S. had left at a time of great social and polticial turmoil and thought Israel would be a good place to live. "Israel seemed to have what was missing in the U.S.," remarked one girl. "It was getting too crazy for me there. Too many drugs, too much politics, too much therapy..." But often, they idealized what conditions would be like in Israel and were then correspondingly disappointed when these didn't match up.

In most cases of families that went back, it was usually the wife who made the decision. Her husband at his job already had a professional framework within which to adapt. She, however, stayed at home with the shopping and the laundry and had to find schools for the children and was isolated from social contact.

Many immigrants complain standards of efficiency are lower than to what they were accustomed. One recurring gripe is the tedious and time consuming bureaucracy. Simple items sometimes take weeks to settle and the immigrant often finds officials disinterested or reluctant to help. At work, too, only rarely does someone offer to help them find their way around a new and unfamiliar setting and they discover Israeli employers are unwilling to grant them recognition for their professional experience. Often, they must start at the bottom again.

"The single most important element in adjustment," says Dov Chernok, a spokesman for the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel, "is the strength of the Jewish identity that gives a sense of belonging in a familiar atmosphere, whether it be from Zionistic or religious motivation." The rate of return, for example is lowest among the Orthodox and highest among young, single people from assimilated or semi-assimilated backgrounds, who came on their own, without the supportive environment of a husband or wife—at least one person with whom they can talk and upon whom all the pressures of social absorption are intensified.

A high percentage of these young people are women, perhaps as high as 60 to 70 per cent. For the typical member of this group, immigration must be regarded as an experiment, for which the decision to come was lightly taken and did not entail any great preparation. He has no visa problems, he can leave at any time, and doesn't have the feeling that he must adjust. His integration into Israeli society, therefore, is minimal.

Given the great misunderstanding concerning the loans and tax advantages for immigrants, the newcomer sees Israelis as unsympathetic and unresponsive to his needs. The young and single, especially, have trouble finding a corresponding language with Israelis their age and feel alone. From the middle classes of large metropolitan environments, university educated and intellectually oriented, they are now suddenly living in a small place with little cultural stimulus. Not pliable enough to change their temperament or way of life, they seek out others like themselves and pull off into small, marginal groups.

Part of the difficulty of adjustment also stems from the absence of planning by government agencies. Most immigrant aid in Israel is directed toward families, and single persons have difficulty finding small, utility apartments or affording a larger one. The drop in living standard is also painful and a common complaint is that Israel, in the process of urbanization and technological development, seems to be rapidly repeating all the mistakes of planning in the U.S. "It's getting to be more and more like cities in the U.S.," said one returnee, "and I feel a kind of sadness it had to happen here—that you have to have slums before urban renewal, poor schools before better ones, pollution before controls, and Black Panthers before people start talking about poverty."

Time for his family

Ontario deputy attorney general testifies he's enjoying occupational happiness

By HOWARD ENGLISH
CJN Queen's Park Correspondent
TORONTO-

Marshall Pollock would probably be a millionaire today if his wages were calculated according to the calibre of lawyers with whom he has associated. In fact, merely mentioning their names would likely elicit a shiver of excitement from any committed Canadian law student.

Not much more can be said to illustrate the significance of being taught by Bora Laskin, who is currently the Supreme Court of Canada's only Jewish Justice, or articling for Charles Dubin, recently appointed to Ontario's Court of Appeal, or serving as legal counsel on a commission chaired by the late Ivan Rand, formerly a member of Canada's Supreme Court. Marshall Pollock, to express it somewhat conservatively, has been blessed with excellent legal training.

Eight years after finding a job with Ontario's civil service, Pollock, 35, is now an assistant deputy attorney general. When he outlines his role, rather enigmatically, as attempting to "look a little ahead and see which way the ministry should be going," it's really a modest understatement. Looking ahead actually means examining recommendations on court reform, offering his views to various cabinet ministers on Sunday selling laws, and involvement with a provincial task force on policing. Express an interest in any one of those topics, and Marshall Pollock reacts like a track star at the sound of the starter's gun. That's not to suggest Pollock's thought process is crisply regulated, only that he loves law, and shows it.

Pollock's personality is neither judicially precise nor bureaucratically overbearing. He effortlessly reduces legal complexities to comprehensible analogies. His remarks are both carefully considered and colloquially stated. He seeks to explain explain, for instance, why the public demands from police forces so many services unrelated to law enforcement, by telling you that a police station is "the only shop open 24 hours a day."

He thinks that expectations of an individual police officer are so severe, "before you know it, you have 175 per cent of policeman." He supports a small businessman's legal right to sell goods on Sunday as a simple case of economic survival against enormously large supermarket chains, which he feels should be prohibited from Sunday retailing.

"The only salvation for the small corner grocery store," Pollock claimed, "is competition....It has to be better service or better times of opening."

Marshall Pollock is a prairie Jew. He was born in Winnipeg, raised in Saskatoon, and received his formal legal education at the University of Saskatchewan. But, unlike most successful law school graduates, Pollock forsook the traditionally revered struggle to finance an office and attract clients, for post graduate work in labor law at the University of Toronto. From Pollock's point of view, it was strictly a pragmatic move.

"I decided that if I wanted to be where the action was in labor law, Toronto was the place."

He must have been gifted with a remarkable measure of clairvoyance. Since relinquishing his prairie roots, Pollock has acted as counsel to Ontario's Human Rights Commission, and to the provincial attorney general. His legal contributions to government policy have even embraced the question of off-track betting.

When Marshall Pollock enthusiastically testifies to enjoying his job, it's unnecessarily said. His animated tones when he talks about his work are sufficiently believable evidence. For Pollock, occupational happiness is more than adequate compensation for never undertaking a private practise. He seems to have satisfactorily assessed the alternatives.

"I'd be lying to you," Pollock conceded, "if I told you I've never given consideration to the private practise of law."

But Marshall Pollock also knows "a lot of very wealthy lawyers who don't get away from the office." And that is a sobering consideration for someone with a wife and three children.

Prairie-born Marshall Pollock, 35, is Ontario deputy attorney general. **(Gadi Hoz Photo)**

ask the rabbi

Handshake binds deal

In Jewish law is there such a thing as a "gentleman's agreement," i.e. a verbal contract of employment?

RESPONSE:

This question is discussed in the Talmud. The Mishna (Baba Metzia 4, 1) states where money has been paid for goods and the goods have not yet been delivered, there has been no legal transfer and either party can retract. Yet, the Mishna goes on to state, if one of them does retract he is warned by the court: "He who punished (mi shepara) the generation of the deluge and the generation of the dispersion. He will punish one who does not keep his word."

It would seem from this that mi shepara only applies where the money had been handed over. Would it be, nonetheless, a breach of trust for either party to retract even where no money had been paid? This is debated in the Talmud (Baba Metzia 49a) one rabbi holding that it would not, Rabbi Johanan holding that it would. The view of Rabbi Johanan is accepted. Thus Maimonides (Mechirah 7, 8) writes: "Where there is only a verbal agreement it is still proper to keep one's word, even if there had been no payment of any money, no mark denoting ownership made on the goods and nothing taken as security.

It follows that a "gentleman's agreement" is not legally binding in Jewish law but that there is, nonetheless, a strong moral obligation for a man to keep his word. If, however, the "verbal agreement" is accompanied by an act recognized in that place as concluding the deal —for instance, a handshake—the agreement is legally binding. (Shulchan Aruch, Choshen Mishpat 201, 2).

Our community newer; intermarriage lower

This is the second of a two-part article on the problems of intermarriage, written for The Canadian Jewish News

By ROCHELLE CARR

According to an article by Werner J. Cahnman, the majority of Jews in Canada have been here for 2 1/2 generations and in the U.S. for 3 1/2 generations. This fact could prove to be important as indicated by a survey taken in Washington D.C. in the early 1960s. It was found intermarriage among foreign born men was 1.4 per cent; native born of foreign parentage, 10.2 per cent; and native born of native born, 17.2 per cent.

All three sociologists from Toronto, cited above, agreed that research in this area is becoming more difficult. With a growing emphasis on civil liberties, more and more forms, such as the last Canadian census, have no place to indicate religion. This is further exacerbated by the option on some forms of claiming no religious denomination. For example, the vital statistics for Ontario, 1971, show 1,144 Jewish grooms and 938 Jewish brides. But, 2,085 grooms and 1,283 brides stated no religious denomination.

From American surveys we know there tends to be a higher intermarriage rate in smaller communities. A survey in Iowa showed that from 1953 to 1959 intermarriage among Jews rose from 36.3 per cent to 53.6 per cent.

We also know, from the contradictory statistics, the relationship between intermarriage and Jewish education must also include other factors such as generation conflicts and new acculturative influences.

For example, the Washington D.C. data shows the intermarriage rate to be 4.1 per cent for native born of foreign parentage with no religious education and 11.1 per cent for those with some religious education; and 16.2 per cent for native born of native parentage with no religious education.

But as indicated previously, Canadian Jewish society has marked differences from its American counterpart. Canadian studies need to be done in the above areas as well as in the areas of: changes in the family structure, WASP privilege, Christmas versus Chanukah, pressures of ecumenism, pressures of different types of employment, and identity with the state of Israel.

A study might also be done to explain why Jewish exogamous marriages tend to be with Roman Catholics more than with any other group. (In 1971 in Ontario, 59 Jewish grooms and 43 Jewish brides married Roman Catholics.)

Perhaps there is another reason for a lack of Canadian studies. Perhaps those whose rhetoric testifies to a concern for group survival are also concerned about the type of findings in the area of intermarriage.

One of the few Canadian studies done (published in the **Journal of Comparative Family Studies**, 1971) concludes: the traditional concepts of inter-religious marriages are "misleading." They tend to "the unwarranted assumption that all inter-religious marriages involve conflict."

This research into a large mid-western Canadian city also found that "inter-religious marriages do not affect children differently than intra-religious marriages."

These Canadian researchers also found a rise in Jewish Canadian intermarriage from 5.6 per cent in 1951 to 7.9 per cent in 1961. (The vital statistics for Canada, 1970, shows 2,035 Jewish couples, 2,420 Jewish grooms and 2,311 Jewish brides.)

Underlying all these social issues is the one overriding religious issue--the commandment found in Deuteronomy 7:3 in which the sages inferred that marriage to a non-Jew is forbidden by Jewish law.

Amongst the Orthodox this is a cut and dry issue, but not so amongst the Reform. In 1909, 1947 and now in 1973, Reform rabbis have been tackling the question whether they should perform mixed marriages. Some argue that young rabbis, particularly, are coerced by important Jewish leaders in the community to perform at such marriages, and once they accept they must continue this practice. Also, some like Reform Rabbi David Eichhorn, have long argued Judaism is preserved if a rabbi performs at a mixed marriage where the couple promises to raise their children in the Jewish faith.

Such beliefs are countered by Rabbi Joseph Klein who argues: "How ironic if after 4,000 years of survival against the cruelest tyrants in history, from Pharaoh to Hitler, the history books of the future should record Jewish life in America came to an end aided and abetted by men sworn to preserve and perpetuate Judaism, who could not refrain from officiating at mixed marriages."

In Canada we will not know who and what aids and abets mixed marriages and what the results of such marriages are until more extensive and intensive research is undertaken.

Worry about group survival and insubstantiated rhetoric makes such research necessary.

A soaring comet

By J.B. SALSBERG

Why to Lubavitch, an unimportant town whose fame rests solely on the fact that it became the seat of the Lubavitcher Chassidic movement? Well, it is worth going there for many, many reasons.

First, because it is mid-summer and isn't this the time of year for travel?

Second, since I devoted two columns to Kotzk (some six or seven weeks ago) I was questioned by many readers why I don't pay a visit to Lubavitch. The Lubavitch stream of Chassidism, they argued, is much older than Kotzk and, furthermore, Kotzk ceased to exist as an independent branch of Chassidism after the death of its founder, Reb Mendel Kotzker, while Lubavitch, on the other hand, is continuous for nearly 200 years and is the most dynamic and widespread Chassidic movement today. I couldn't dispute this.

Third, I do have a certain preference of some typically Lubavitcher traits as against the behavior and practices of such Chassidic zealots as those who adhere to Sotmar, for instance, and, therefore, feel the urge to make this journey to Lubavitch.

Enough reasons for my venture? But having justified (or have I?) my decision to invite you along for the visit I must, however, further detain you for a minute or two before we set out.

I fear I may tread on somewhat dangerous ground in this undertaking. In the first place; (as I said prior to our journey to Kotzk) I lay no claim to scholarly specilization in this much disputed area of Jewish past and present experience; that of Chassidism. In the second place; while Chassidism is still as far as the public is concerned, a grossly misunderstood and often misrepresented Jewish phenomenon; it is at the same time one of the most passionately sectarian and partisan of movements as between the different Chassidic adherents. So how can one hope to achieve the kind of objectivity that would not invite acrimony from one quarter or another when treading on such ground? I may need a present-day Reb Levi Yitzhak of Barditchev to rationalize my transgressions...

Chassidism went through many mutations since it came into being early in the 18th century. Some types constituted an advance, while others were retrogressive. Some were fruitful in their day, while others were barren. Some produced characteristics which, in their ethical and moral content, are worthy of lasting adornament while others produced behavior codes and warped thoughts that shock and antagonize people. But some of the mutations did produce elements of newness in though and direction. Rabbi Shneur Zalman, "the Rav of Ladi" or just plane "Rav," as he was often called, (1747-1813) did introduce an important new element in Chassidism with his founding of "Chabad" which later became identified as "Lubavitch," the town in which the Chabad movement was centred.

"Chabad," by the way, stands for the Hebrew capital letters of the words Chochma -- wisdom; Binah -- intelligence; Daat -- knowledge. And, as it seems to me, this emphasis on wisdom, intelligence and knowledge constituted both a departure from the then emphasis of Chassidism -- which was certainly not on study, which was often barren scholasticism, of the pre- was certainly not on study, (perhaps as a reaction to the sole emphasis on study, which was often barren scholasticism, of the pre-Chassidic rabbis) as it constituted a major threat to those bitter, rabbinic opponents of Chassidism in its entirety.

Rabbi Shneur Zalman was obviously aiming at a new synthesis that would bring learning, study back into Chassidism. Little wonder he became the most persecuted of the Chassidic leaders--persecuted by the anti-Chassidic zealots among the rabbis. They went to the extent of misrepresenting his intentions to the Russian Czar and he was twice incarcerated in the most severe of Czarist Russia's prisons. Nor is it without significance that the present head of the world-wide Lubavitch movement--Reb Menahem Mendel Schneerson--is, in addition to his rabbinic scholarship, also a graduate of the Sorbonne in Paris...

Nu, nu; so this was going to be a short visit to Lubavitch, whose present world centre is in Williamsburg, New York! But don't run away. Some preparations for the trip were unavoidable. Stay. We will surely be on our way to Lubavitch next week.

Vanguard social, economic position cause of high Jewish NDP presence

By A.J. ARNOLD
Second of two articles

WINNIPEG–

The new Manitoba Legislature, with an NDP majority of 31 (at this writing) in a 57-seat house, will have four or five Jewish members compared to six in the previous assembly.

Why such a high proportion of Jews?

The answer lies in the fact that the Jews have moved into a kind of vanguard position in the social-economic and political development of Manitoba for historically significant reasons. For many decades after Confederation it was the aim of the Ottawa government to settle the West with immigrants of peasant stock who would make good as homestead farmers and stay on the land. Many Jews also came for land settlement but they were never peasants.

While some Jews did farm successfully for varying periods of time whenever they found that their farm efforts wouldn't work they quickly moved to some other form of livelihood. The Jews were occupationally more versatile and hu. became upwardly mobile more quickly than their Ukrainian, Mennonite, Russian or Polish neighbors. A large proportion of the Jewish population of Manitoba, which has never exceeded 20,000, moved rather quickly into factories and stores and a variety of business pursuits, as well as professions. This soon led to community service as well, including political activity.

In the 1880s and 90s when the Conservatives were in power Jewish pioneers became Conservative supporters. When the Laurier Liberals took over in 1896, many Jews became Liberals, just as in eastern Canada. Disillusionment with the established parties set in sooner in the West than elsewhere in Canada and it affected the Jews as well. From 1905, many Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe were already imbued with socialist ideals and they gravitated to the labor movement which was given a great impetus by the 1919 Winnipeg General Strike. This laid the basis for Labor, CCF and later NDP support in North Winnipeg, the base from which the NDP eventually came to power.

After the turn of the century Jews came West not only with new political ideals but with a cultural base that included a strong attachment to Yiddish. This is one of the basic reasons for Yiddish-language retention being proportionately higher in Winnipeg than elsewhere in Canada. Part of the proof lies with Saul Miller and Saul Cherniack, sons of the 1905 immigrants who have been members of the government since 1969.

To complete the answer for **Washington Post** correspondent Tony Astrican it should be pointed out that dedication and commitment brought some Jews to the forefront in each of the major parties. And where Jews are elected it is due to a combination of individual initiative and the development of a high degree of universal appeal among their fellow citizens of various origins. This has come about in spite of anti-Semitism which has existed and is by no means completely eradicated.

As a reminder of the extreme elements that still exist, **The Winnipeg Tribune** reported the day after the election that the Manitoba branch of the Canadian League of Rights (read "John Birch" Society) had decided to affiliate with the anti-abortion League for Life Association. Toronto friends who don't know the answer to this one may call Ben Kayfetz, the executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region.

Youth supply seniors' program, rock music, legal aid, medical help as summer fare

The Canadian Jewish News dispatched its student summer staffer, Dorothy Lipovenko, a Ryerson journalism student, to find out how other students are spending the summer. Here is her report.

By DOROTHY LIPOVENKO
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO–

Twenty-two-year-old Michael Levstein peddles up to the Creative Living Centre on Bathurst Street, a drop-in for seniors. He manages to groan a good morning, while rubbing his eyes and fingering frizzy, somewhat tousled hair. He pours a cup of coffee but not before taking a swig of orange juice from a canteen. Michael might make any grandfather clasp his head, shriek an 'oy vais meer' and go running for the nearest barber.

But oh no. One little old lady asks: Where is that nice boy Michael? And you know they just love him. Most of the seniors at the centre engage in geriatric guerrilla warfare, exchanging snapshots of 'eineklach' and beefs against rising meat prices. But how they appreciate the federal grant which enables a group of college students to plan a **Summer for Seniors** program for them.

Project headquarters are at the centre, in a tidy mess of an office littered with gardening seeds, plants, Tuesdays and Thursdays marked in red, an aging Bob Dylan poster and four kids who consider themselves lucky; after all, who else has 500 bubbies and zadies?

"These people aren't happy to sit and eat cake and tea," said Linda Orenstein, 22, a University of Toronto sociology graduate. "I find them really intelligent and well informed about things I wouldn't think they would be informed about. You should hear them talk about the high cost of living."

Linda is particularly keen on the cooking class she is planning for men. Her milk and coffee tan, coupled with liquid eyes, will be healthy tonics for her future pupils. She finds some of the seniors are quite "radical." Food prices are ailing them more than their aches and pains.

The summer program is run by the students, but is also in co-operation with the North 'Y'. In addition to the standard activities like arts and crafts, painting, and movies, seniors can air their views at Yiddish debates or while taking leisurely boat trips. One man suggested a film festival and Michael jumped at the idea. For those who have any 'koich' left after gardening and excursions, there are weekly patio dances that can revive those old swing days.

One aspect the kids agree on is the seniors are "dying to talk" at every and any opportunity. "The idea is not to isolate them in provincial housing but to have them mix with all age groups," said Eli Musicar, one of the project co-ordinators.

The idea for the project was hatched last winter. The kids felt seniors should do more than hang out at shopping plazas. A few old cronies who make the B'nai B'rith House their cardplaying hang out agreed with the kids that a summer for seniors program was a feasible idea.

"We're even having a casino night to raise money for the old men at the BB house, to buy them a chest where they can keep their checkers and cards," said Linda.

She casts a glance at a poster which reads: Living is Ageless. Two senior citizens in red and white jumpsuits cock 'I-told-you-so' looks at no one in particular. Whether the male (who is bringing up the rear) is smiling that slick smile of his lady chasing days--well, only the female knows for sure.

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Rick Levine and Rick Pasternac are two 18-year-olds who spend more time in shul than most boys of their age.

Not to do all that much davening, of course. With sheepish grins, they confess to attending only on the holidays. So how come they find themselves in shul most every Saturday night?

Both boys are members of the rock group Hourglass, and if the sands of time are any indication, the band has come a long way since its rookie jam sessions three years ago. Transcending the bar mitzvah and wedding circuits, they now play at the Ontario Science Centre, B'nai B'rith House, Centre Island and most recently, the Jerusalem Pavilion.

This summer, for the second year in a row, Hourglass has received an OFY grant. The boys have no qualms about playing in parks or entertaining senior citizens at old folks' homes. In fact, their rapport with the Baycrest clan is probably the envy of grandparents everywhere.

"It's hard work, long hours but lots of fun," says Rick Levine, a student at C.W. Jeffries High School. With just a twinge of a mock grimace, he turns to his buddy, Rick Pasternac and says: "I think we've been to more parties than anyone else." The latter turns his tousled head and a broad smile creeps slowly on his toast tan face.

Reminiscing over the past three years, when the group was in the embryonic musical stage, Rick Pasternac notes how their style has evolved and how it's changing under new influences. With their earnings, the boys have been able to purchase better equipment that enhances their sound and compositions. They prefer music by Chicago and Lighthouse, but push the band as a Canadian one.

Both boys agreed the hard part was getting established. Their biggest advantage, says Pasternac, is their youth, that affords them time and energy to try out various musical styles and arrangements.

The duo expressed a refreshing attitude towards their school work; it is their number one priority and bookings are avoided during exam time. Most of their earnings are put away for college likewise for band members Alex Bendavid, Ken Naimak, Anthony Muia and Bill Buchan.

With a shrug and a flash of white teeth, Rick Levine admits he doesn't know if he wants to make music a career. Likewise for Pasternac. For the time being, they take it one step at a time, which is only natural when you're young and doing your own thing.

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Anyone can wrangle his way out of a parking ticket? All you need is a threadbare look of innocence that will melt the most callous of judges' hearts? Easy, you say? Well, Michael Zacks, like most law students, fought his first court case--his own parking ticket--and lost. Now, think again.

Undaunted by the loss, (he might have been disappointed had he deviated from the norm) Michael is entering third year law at Osgoode Hall and is working this summer at **Student Defenders**--a storefront legal aid service, staffed by Osgoode students and under the York County director of Ontario Legal Aid.

Tall, 23-year-old Michael leans back in one of those wooden chairs grade school teachers use. A rustic old City Hall office is his quarters--hardly posh, comfortable surroundings into which a lawyer ushers clients. His shirt is rumpled, the blue eyes look like they could use a few more hours sleep and the slightest of furrows crease the high forehead. The image is complete. Only the glasses are missing.

After a deliberate pause, Michael explains the responsibility involved in helping people with legal problems.

"You try as best you can to determine how to apply what you know and what you don't know, you find out.

"Each situation is different. People put their trust in you. Some are frightened and look to you for assurance and expertise, and we have to give it to them."

All cases are referred from the Legal Aid Office. They run the gamut from small claims to assault charges. All kinds of people come to the Defenders' office, speaking a variety of languages and with as many different problems. A combination of self-assurance and experience at Osgoode's own legal aid clinic help carry Michael through.

The conversation is interrupted by a call from someone obviously in trouble. But Michael speaks with a nonchalance that makes the advice sound professional. Listening with a compassionate ear and the everything-will-be-all-right look are luxuries only student lawyers can afford. Facts are facts and judges will be judges, and as Michael puts it: "There are many variables that determine the outcome of a court case."

For Michael, the courtroom is his stage, and he, along with clients, witnesses and the judge, are the actors. Sort of an updated Shakespearean melodrama, where the accused either triumph like Achilles or fall like the Roman Empire.

"The courtroom is where I find you learn as much from watching as you do from participating. It gives you a sense of security," said Michael.

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She's hardly a destroyer of myths. You know, the blonde who's supposed to make male heads turn at the drop of a handerchief.

Nonsense. At 22, Blanca Green is an honors graduate from the University of Toronto, a future law student and a dispenser of quick smiles and allergy injections while working for a doctor in the Oakwood-St. Clair area this summer. Just talk to her for half an hour, and if anyone still thinks Jewish girls are viewing their roles with suburban shtetl complacency, they had better reverse their thinking.

Blanca Green, 22

With country girl freshness and a trace of an accent from her native Romania, Blanca suits the peasant farmer's daughter image more than she does the aspiring career girl and doctor's assistant. This is her second summer working for a general practioner. Though the patients' faces are constantly changing, naivete is the common symptom or syndrome of their many ailments.

"They try to open themselves up to the doctor, wanting to rid themselves of their frustrations," Blanca said.

This girl appears to have both feet on the ground, and staying there. She's itching to get back to school, even though she's probably getting a better education in human psychology than she would from a textbook.

Blanca asserts her individuality with an air that smacks of her non-conformity. With a shrug of the shoulders she dismisses the notion she's in competition with the opposite sex at their own game--success.

"A boy will look up to and respect a girl for whatever she is," Blanca said. "It is important for a woman to have a career; if she just stays home with the kids, she regresses intellectually and culturally."

If she seems shrewd, it's in a bold way. Blanca's personal drive is to create a challenging position for herself, which, she feels, is what a law career affords her.

Blanca doesn't consider herself a strong supporter of Women's Lib, but admits it has opened doors for women in many professional faculties. Or else she would have been a suffragate candidate a long time ago.

Linda Orenstein, 22, gives some pointers on bowling to an un-identified senior citizen at the Creative Living Centre. (Hoz)

Organizations and People

what's new... by Miriam Herman

FJWO INVOLVEMENT

Edith Levy, the United Way chairman of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations, and her committee are using the summer months to compile lists of canvassers for the upcoming campaign (formerly called the United Appeal, Red Feather campaign). Almost $1 million of last year's United Community Funds were allocated to Jewish agencies -- Jewish Family and Child Service, Baycrest Centre, YM-YWHA, Jewish Vocational Service, to name some. As well, many overall community services are supported by the United Way. Canvassers are urgently needed. The campaign takes place in October and if you can become involved for just a few hours, do call Min Harris at the FJWO office.

JEWISH PEOPLE IN PROFILE

A collection of 43 books in the history, religion and literature of the Jewish people is being published in celebration of Israel's 25th anniversary. **The Jewish People**, which will include such subjects as the rise of the Jew in the Western world, the status of women in Jewish law, the Jewish views of Jesus, and the origins of the synagogue, will be published in November by Arno Press.

RUSSIAN-CANADIAN RELATIVES

In a phone call to Russia, Genya Intrator, chairman of Women for Soviet Jewry, learned that Raphael Shkolnik is looking for his relatives in Canada. He told her that Isiah and Fanny Shkolnik came to Canada in 1904 when Isiah was 20-years-old. Their children are Avraham, Neta and Peretz and as far as he knows, the family went to Hamilton. Also, Viktor Mandelswieg, a 28-year-old theoretical physicist, is looking for his grandmother's brother's family. His name is Kallant Isaac Abromovich and he left Russia for Toronto about 1912. Mr. Abromovich was born in Kiev in 1903 (?) and has a daughter Lyuba and two sons. If anyone has any information, please contact Leah Feinman, National Committee for Soviet Jewry, 150 Beverley St., Toronto.

AGUDAH ISRAEL CAMPS

Nearly 1,000 Russian immigrant children in Israel are amongst the 6,000 children spending their summer vacations at the 26 camps throughout the world operated by the international Agudah Israel movement. The Russian children were recipients of special scholarship grants by the Russian Immigrant Rescue Fund. The camps, mostly called Camp Agudah (for boys) and Camp Bnos (for girls) are located in Canada, New York's Catskill Mountains, Argentina, England, Belgium, Switzerland and Italy. Israel's branch sponsors more than 15 camps.

HERZL ZION MEETING

At a recent meeting of the Herzl Zion Organization of Toronto the guest speaker was Simcha Genossar, Israel representative of the United Israel Appeal in Ontario. He gave an address on current events in the Middle East. Also on the agenda was the election of officers for the coming year -- Ben Goldmintz as president and David Kirsh and Ben Walker as vice-presidents.

JOINT AID

Some 390,000 Jews were helped by the American Joint Distribution last year, an increase of 70,000 over 1971. Of those receiving joint aid were 34,000 people in Israel, 55,000 in France, 18,000 in Rumania and 900 in Yugoslavia. The total number of people helped by Joint programs in Eastern Europe nearly doubled from 80,000 in 1971 to 138,000 last year.

BERNSTEIN AND THE POPE

A negro choir from the United States sang Leonard Bernstein's **Chichester Psalms** in Hebrew at a concert in the Vatican marking the 10th anniversary of the accession of Pope Paul VI. Mr. Bernstein himself conducted the Italian radio and television orchestra and chorus and the Harvard Glee Club in the concert which was televised throughout Italy. **Chichester Psalms** was written in 1965 for the cathedral's choir festival.

VANCOUVER TAY-SACHS

The Pacific Region of the Canadian Jewish Congress was one of the sponsoring organizations of the several Tay-Sachs clinics held in the Vancouver Jewish Community Centre last month. Funds for the testing came from the Vancouver Children's Hospital.

Welfare Fund--a many-sided institution

By PHIL GRANOVSKY
TORONTO-

When the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies --the forerunner of the United Jewish Welfare Fund--conducted its first integrated community campaign in 1917, about $30,000 was raised.

The first United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto campaign, in 1937, raised $161,000.

Now, in 1973, the United Jewish Appeal--administered by the United Jewish Welfare Fund -- has raised $8,500,000 -- a record amount.

It is important to stress the total program of fund raising and provision of services because the latter function tends to be obscured in the glare of publicity and glamor associated with the campaigning for funds.

Today, the United Jewish Welfare Fund channels its assistance through existing agencies--such as the financial supplementation program of the Jewish Family and Child Service, for which over $300,000 has been allocated this year. But when no specific agency exists to provide a service, the Welfare Fund co-ordinates activities of a number of agencies to provide that service. Co-ordinated Services to the Jewish Elderly is an example.

The United Jewish Welfare Fund was organized in 1937 because the community desperately needed a unifying influence--which the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies was unable to provide.

The federation joined with the Toronto Hebrew Free School, United Palestine Appeal, the Geverkshaften, the Toronto Jewish Old Folks' Home and other separate fund raising groups to form the UJWF under the leadership of the late Sam Godfrey, Ben Sadowski and Arthur Cohen.

The first joint campaign was a great success as a result of the careful planning and sustained enthusiasm on the part of those who realized the need for co-ordinated efforts in fund raising and the need to bring order where chaos had existed.

The next major step in the development of the UJWF, as we know it today, occurred in 1945 when it entered into an agreement with the Community Chest of Toronto (now the United Community Fund). Under this agreement, the Community Chest took over the financing of agencies which,

Phil Granovsky

although they were Jewish in programming, were of a nature that warranted support from the general public. Thus, Jewish Family and Child Service, the Jewish Home for the Aged, the YM-YWHA, and the Hebrew Free Loan were taken over by the Community Chest and those agencies that were exclusively Jewish in content remained as beneficiaries of the Welfare Fund.

Then came the greatest moment in recent Jewish history--the state of Israel was established in 1948. The Jewish community of Toronto organized the United Jewish Appeal -- a partnership of the Zionist Organization of Canada and the United Jewish Welfare Fund to conduct an integrated campaign for local and overseas needs.

During the immediate post-war years, thousands of European Jews who had been through the hell of the Hitler era, fled from the concentration camps and were welcomed to Canada and especially Toronto, to start life anew.

Then came the Hungarian and Czechoslovakian revolutions, which brought more immigrants to the city. They were followed by the Moroccans and now there is a trickle of Russians.

JVS -- the Jewish Vocational Service -- came into existence in 1946 because of the growing awareness of the need for a program that was specially geared to dealing with the employment problems of Jews.

The Welfare Fund's ability to react promptly to community needs is well demonstrated in the establishment of Co-ordinated Services to the Jewish Elderly. Spurred on by the initial efforts and financial support of the Hebrew Weston Charitable Services, the UJWF has developed an outstanding program to deliver kosher meals to people in their homes. Hundreds of volunteers participate in this program.

Co-ordinated Services to the Jewish Elderly has developed a program to provide Passover meals and Seders for people in hospitals and nursing homes and for elderly residents in subsidized housing; and has formed a social action program to promote the interests of the elderly.

Together with JVS and Baycrest, the Welfare Fund organized Atlaz, an industrial centre and workshop to provide employment for men and women over 60.

The Welfare Fund has an intense concern also for young people and provides substantial funding for Hillel at the University of Toronto campus and for the Jewish Student Federation at York University. The UJWF has allocated funds to combat Christian missionary activity which has become so rampant among young Jewish people. In addition, it has established a guidance and counselling program in the Hebrew day schools.

Through the Board of Jewish Education, the Welfare Fund is reviewing and studying the entire Jewish educational system in Toronto --one of the most comprehensive studies ever undertaken in North America.

In 1973, the United Jewish Welfare Fund will need close to $2,500,000 for local needs, providing the community with sophisticated community services that are tuned in to present requirements.

This is the first of three articles by Phil Granovsky, president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund, on some of the lesser known but highly important aspects of UJWF activities. The second and third articles will appear in the issues of July 27 and Aug. 3 respectively.

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Canadian teachers brush up on Hebrew studies in Israel

By SUSAN LAZARUS
MONTREAL-

For the ordinary tourist, a summer in Israel normally means lots of travelling, plenty of time lounging on the beautiful beaches, and an active night life.

There are, however, 24 Jewish school teachers from across Canada who will be spending their summer in Israel attending classes, preparing papers, and studying the best ways to teach such subjects as Hebrew literature and the origin of prayer.

These teachers, from Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg and London, Ont., are leaving July 15 from Montreal to participate in a new study program sponsored by the department of education and culture of the Canadian Zionist Federation, and the Bar Ilan University.

The program will allow teachers to pick up two and a half credits in Israel towards a Canadian bachelor of arts degree in Judaic Studies as well as giving them an Israeli view in the teaching of Judaic Studies to elementary and high school students.

It costs $1,000 with $400 shared by the participating schools, the Canadian Zionist Federation, and the Friends of Bar Ilan University.

Those sponsoring the program also seem to share the view that Israel should, if possible, be a shared family experience.

A husband or wife accompanying a teacher to Israel will receive free room and board in the Bar Ilan dormitory. Any children who are along will be entered into an Israel summer camp close to the campus.

The summer as strenuous as it sounds, will not be without its fun.

Although classes will be held five days a week until one p.m., the afternoons and evenings will be free. Bar Ilan is providing a special entertainment counsellor and weekends are free for touring.

Mrs. Leah Kaufman, a grade five teacher at the Jewish Peoples and Peretz Schools, is extremely enthusiastic about the program.

"It is very challenging to be a teacher in these times," Mrs. Kaufman feels. The children, even at a primary level are far more sophisticated than ever before and its most important for the teacher to be up to par with her students.

"There is always a tremendous amount to learn, and the teacher just can't do it in the course of the school year. I take courses every summer, and this is a fantastic opportunity for me."

For Mrs. Kaufman, the summer in Israel is truly a family affair. Her eldest son has been in Israel since April, on a study program from Herzelia High School and her husband and two younger children are going with her.

If this summer's program is successful, it will continue next year, with either Israeli teachers studying in Canada, or Canadians returning to Israel.

...about people

Al Green (left) presents UJA Man of the Year award to Sam Shapero.

Sam Shapero was honored as the United Jewish Appeal's **Man of the Year** at the recent Campaign Appreciation Night. He received the Israel 25th anniversary medal from UJA campaign chairman **Al Green** for his top-notch canvassing efforts and his active involvement in the Walkathon in which he served at Temple Sinai.

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Former Toronto writer **Rohama Lee** has accepted an invitation as guest of honor at the Eight Tehran International Festival of Films for Children and Young Adults. The festival, being held in Tehran in November, is under the patronage of Her Imperial Majesty, **Farah Pahlavi, Empress of Iran**. It has become an annual meeting place for artists from different countries involved in film-making for children and young people. Miss Lee, daughter of Toronto's **Ida Seigel**, is the editor-publisher of **Film News** which is published in New York. It has pioneered in the cause of children's films.

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Two Toronto Jewish philosophers are prominently represented in a new anthology just published in New York. **Professor Emil Fackenheim's Outline of a Modern Jewish Theology**, and **Rabbi J. Immanuel Schochet's Jewish Mysticism in the Modern Age** are reprinted in **Faith and Reason: Essays in Judaism** which contains the significant studies in Jewish theology appearing in the quarterly **Judaism** over the past 20 years.

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At the Pride of Israel installation dinner, **Ben Smith** was installed as chairman, for a second time, of Pride of Israel Temple, along with vice-chairmen **Nat Shkolnik** and **Dave Rosen**. And **Harry Grossman** was installed as president of Pride of Israel Sick Benefit Society. His vice-chairmen are **Sol Atkin** and **Bernard Robuck**.

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Travel agent **Sara Pachter** of Toronto's Fisher Fremont agency, recently completed her 30th El Al flight leading groups to Israel. El Al employees in Canada presented her with a cake to mark the occasion.

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Jack Shayne has been re-elected president of Montreal's Jewish Vocational Service for a second term. His entire officers' team, which includes vice-president **Murray Lippman** and **Saul Roseman**; treasurer **Lloyd Slaven**; and secretary **Mrs. William Letovsky**, was also re-elected.

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French Jewish sociologist **Claude Levi-Strauss**, who was recently elected to the French Academy, was awarded the **Erasmus Prize** in Amsterdam for "his outstanding contribution to European culture." The prize, which was named after the 16th century humanist **Desiderius Erasmus**, was presented by **Prince Bernhard** (he established the prize in 1958) in the presence of **Queen Juliana** and **Crown Princess Beatrix**.

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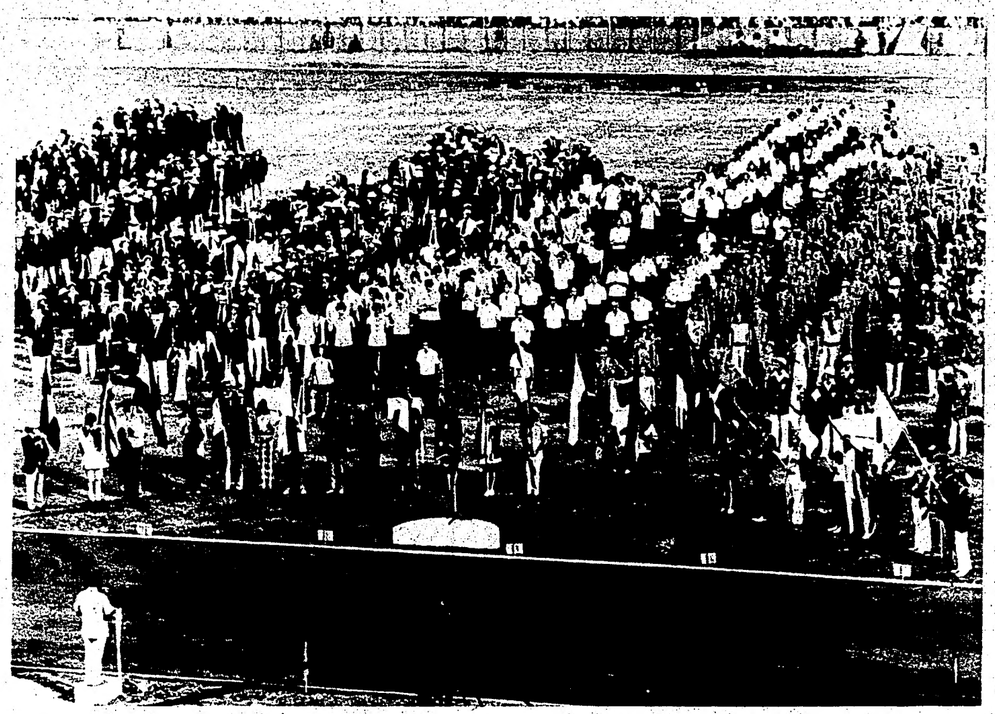

This is the scene at the colorful opening ceremonies of the ninth Maccabiah Games. It was held in the 50,000 seat Ramat Gan Stadium. Here, the athletes take part in the swearing-in ceremony. (IPPA Photo)

Some of the dignitaries taking part in the opening ceremonies were (from the left) Israel President Katzir, Prime Minister Meir and Ramat Gan Mayor Israel Peled.

Unidentified Canadian golfer blasts a shot towards the cup during the first day of golf competition at Caesarea. The Canadian team ended up with a bronze medal.

Lack of ability, not equipment, causing Egypt's air problem

By R.I. JONES
Air Vice-Marshal, British Royal Force

There have been recent reports of Libyan Mirages and Iraqi Hunters being despatched to Cairo, and suggestions Saudi Arabian Lightnings are also earmarked to go there, to be added to the Egyptian armory for use against Israel.

This has been followed by the news the U.S. to sell Phantoms and other modern military equipment to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

The Mirages and Phantoms could significantly increase Egypt's offensive power, since they can carry a heavier bomb load and fly further than Egypt's basic equipment of MiG 21s. The Phantom carries the biggest bomb load, and could even be used against Israel from Saudi Arabian bases.

But Egypt on her own--let alone the Arab countries together -- already possesses many more military aircraft than Israel; and her MiGs can match the Phantom in outright speed, power of climb and turning capability. Egypt's inability to master the Israelis in the air has not been a matter of equipment, but of skill in handling her equipment, plus the qualitative inferiority of her ground and air crews and their commanders. Mirages and Phantoms might increase Egypt's hitting power, but they could not redress this adverse balance.

The logical answer would be for the Arabs to hire experienced crews from Western nations. But this would present both practical and political problems. With their huge financial resources, the Arabs could afford to pay very well. But even so, the prospect of facing the Israeli air force with its unrivalled combat experience and proved expertise would be daunting to the most avaricious mercenary.

Moreover, the Western nations have made their arms sales subject to embargoes on use against Israel. They would undoubtedly bring pressure to bear to prevent their nationals (who would inevitably have served in their respective forces) serving as mercenaries against Israel. Among nations sympathetic to the Arabs, the most likely source of crews would be Pakistan. Pakistanis already help the Saudi Arabians with their flying training.

But here again there would be problems If obtainable, they would need months of training on the specific type of aircraft they were to use and they would have to be backed by ground crews just as efficient who would take just as long to train.

In terms of a shooting war, the problems would multiply again, because sustained operations would require a chain of command working from high-level planners down through operational crews to aircraft tradesmen. They would need to be backed by good suppliers of spares and and ancillary equipment, like weapons, starters and electronic gear--all of which are specific to a particular type of aircraft when it is in the performance field of MiGs, Mirages, Lightnings and Phantoms.

Nor should it be forgotten that wars are won by occupation of territory and not by bombing. Bombing from the air can be damaging and lethal, but short of nuclear weapons, it cannot, on past experience, win wars on its own--least of all against the Israelis.

The Middle East theatre, however, is particularly suited to the use of the air weapon because the ground gives no cover and the weather is nearly always clear.

Troops and vehicles on the ground are therefore easy targets from the air, and air superiority, which keeps the enemy from attacking one's own troops, is therefore vital for success and advances on the ground. Thus, even if the Arabs were to use aircraft the Phantoms against Israel, in contrvention of any sales agreements they might have made, their spares supply would certainly be cut off.

Even if they were able to hire and train competent mercenary crews, they would hardly find enough to provide, in the face of the battle-proved Israel air force, the continuous air protection need to maintain any advance into Israeli-held territory.

More modern weapons in Arab hands might undoubtedly threaten greater Israeli casualties in a war, but it is hard to see them giving the Arabs the upper hand. The danger is that:

(a) The Arabs may feel the possession of powerful weapons will make up for their qualitiative inferiority in skills, and so be tempted to go to war.

(b) With the prospect of increased offensive air power against them, the Israelis will be reluctant to give up forward positions which provide depth on the ground and early warning of an attack from radar stations. General Dayan has already made this point. Increasing range and power in weapons inevitably calls for greater defence in depth.

The threat is not so much to Israel as to the prospects of peace in the Middle East.

Major expansion needed

'Y' campaign underway in August; $2.5 million is already collected

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Bert Fine, chairman of the YM-YWHA board of directors and John Wahl, president of YMHA, have announced that Wilfred Posluns will serve as campaign chairman for the completion of the YM-YWHA, northern building.

The community - wide campaign to raise $6.5 million for the 'Y' will begin August 1. Two and a half million dollars have already been received in private donations.

The money will be used to build two new wings, cultural and physical education, on the existing building. Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 1974.

"Increased participation in the YM-YWHA's present program has seriously overcrowded the physical facilities of the first phase of the original building erected in 1961," said Posluns. "Unfortunately, a shortage of capital funds at the time dictated the omission of many important features. Thus, in May, 1961, we opened a half-finished building knowing full well that in several years the missing facilities would have to be added."

According to Posluns, the time to complete the building is now.

Wilfred Posluns

"Multi - purpose club rooms are being used as music and dance studios," he said. "Storage alcoves have become dressing rooms. The Men's Health Club has outgrown its quarters. There is a conflict of badminton, calisthetics and sports school programs. Weight-lifting and judo are in cramped rooms.

"This fall virtually 100 per cent of the featured activities will again be heavily over-subscribed," Posluns said. "This is an assured sign that the YMHA is a vital part of the life-style of over 12,000 members in all social and economic levels. We must now strive to meet the unmet needs of the community."

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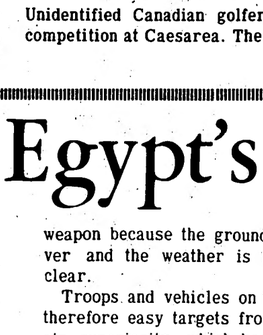

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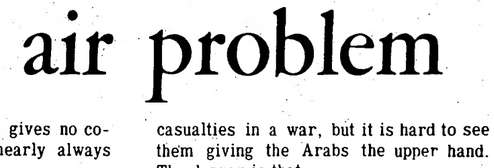

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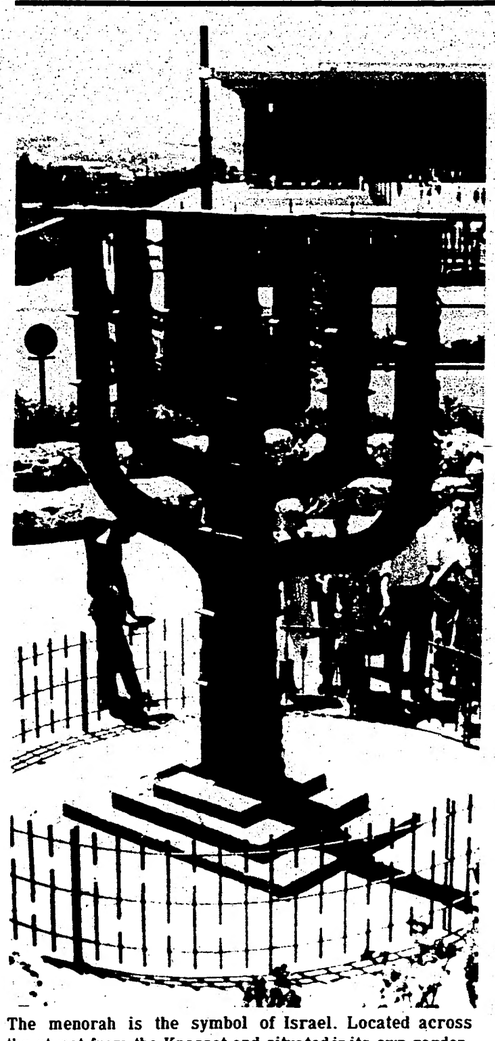

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Torontonians get involved in unique jungle hospital

Indians await treatment from doctors connected to Hospital Amazonico in Peru.

An Indian baby reacts like all children to her first injection at the jungle hospital.

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Assistant Editor
TORONTO–

What brings a young surgeon to leave his luxurious Toronto home and head for the steaming jungles of Peru?

"Fascination for a different world," replies Dr. Gilbert Zuker, attending surgeon at Scarborough Centenary Hospital, who first visited the South American country two years ago. With other Torontonians, he has become deeply involved in a unique hospital serving the poor and Indians on the Ucayali River, a tributary of the mighty Amazon.

In an interview, the doctor, 39, and his wife Elaine talked excitedly about their trip last May into the South American jungles. Now a member of the Canadian branch of Amazonian Hospital Foundation, Dr. Zuker undertook the journey to communicate directly with personnel of Hospital Amazonico, situated near Pucollpa in a village called Yarina Cocha.

The Peruvian institution is unique because it's not only a hospital, but also an agricultural station.

"Besides treating the people medically, an effort is made to educate them not only regarding public health, but to support an agricultural station with cows specially bred to withstand jungle heat," he told **The Canadian Jewish News**.

"We have 400 head of cattle and start off by giving them a breeding bull and several cows. The villagers repay the hospital by giving a calf for each cow we gave them the first few years. That way we get back our cows and we've helped establish a herd in the village."

Before the herds are established, boys are taught for two to three months how to handle the cows "because they've never seen animals this big," he said. During the time, men in the village are out in the jungle clearing room for meadows for grazing.

The hospital sells milk to area residents and eventually hopes the agricultural station can support it and then the foundations can raise money for special projects.

The hospital also trains boys for a year in basic first aid or nursing and then sends them back to their villages. The boys are kept supplied with medicine.

Elaine Zuker pointed out the Pucollpa area is facing "onrushing civilization. The 20th century is coming to them via the Trans-Amazonian highway and more people will be coming to the jungle. We are trying to bring them into the 20th century by teaching them to be more self-sufficient so as to retain their own culture."

The Indians, belonging to the Shipipo tribe, are friendly and primitive, according to the Zukers. The men dress in Western clothes, but women maintain their tribal dress.

It's a matriarchal society. Women run the homes although the head man at the village is a man.

Dr. Zuker continued:

"To get married, men have to go to another village to get a wife. This prevents inbreeding, something they learned from experience. After a while, inbreeding gets hereditary and congenital diseases passed on. The couple lives in the village of the woman."

The Indian's life is centred on finding enough food and fish. They grow bananas, corns and yucca (a potato-like root). They hunt wild boar and turtle.

"Sometimes we ate ketchip-flavored rice three times a day," recalled the doctor.

"Gil came back looking terrific," his wife quipped. "His figure was marvellous."

The Canadian foundation, made up of doctors, lawyers and businessmen including former MP Robert Kaplan, employs a salaried executive director.

Indians are never charged at the hospital; the poor and not-so-poor pay what they can. The $250,000 operating expenses a year come in part from the Miles for Millions walk, the Canadian International Development Agency and donations. The foundation is planning a fund-raising event.

When the Zukers showed slides of their visit, this reporter saw horribly-diseased children, many suffering from malnutrition.

There are poisonous snakes all over, parasites ("everybody has worms"), thick jungle and crocodiles, said the Zukers. Yet one gets the distinct impression they can hardly wait to get back to Peru.

'Jews must understand aspirations of majority'

From our Quebec Bureau
MONTREAL–

The future well-being of the Montreal Jewish community rests partly in its willingness to participate in Quebec life, and Rosetta Elkin, chairman of the French Fact Committee, makes it her business to see that the community moves towards complete bilingualism.

The group was established in 1970 as a special committee, but after submitting an exhaustive report outlining francophone problems and recommendations, Allied Jewish Community Services conferred upon it standing committee status.

According to Mrs. Elkin, the committee serves two functions: to persuade AJCS and agencies to achieve greater bilingualism in their written communications as well as to persuade staff members to learn French, and to sensitize the community to the presence of French-speaking Jews.

The committee organized Rencontre '71, a successful exchange of ideas between French Quebec and the community, which was subsidized by the Bilingualism the Saidye Bronfman Centre which explored the values and attitudes of French and Jewish families.

She believes the language barrier between the two groups isn't the primary problem that the community must struggle with. The essence of the problem, she explains, is understanding the aspirations of the majority in the province.

Mrs. Elkin, until recently, served a three year term of office on the board of the Federation des Femmes du Quebec, and was the first English-speaking Quebecois to ever sit on the six-year-old organization. Mrs. Elkin also had the distinction of being Canada's first synagogue vice-president who is a woman--at the Shaar Hashomayim Congregation.

She feels that more AJCS leaders should serve on posts in Quebec communal organizations. She states that there are more citizens' groups at the grass roots level in the French community than there are in the Jewish. She also maintains that in the Jewish community the establishment is imposed from the top down.

Jeunesses Musicales

Israel plays host

By MICHAEL HOFFMAN
MONTREAL–

Jeunesses Musicales started out as an idea to turn the minds of Belgian children from war to music.

During World War II, in Belgium, bands of disorganized children were engaged in sabotaging German operations. Not surprisingly, many youngsters were killed, and Jeunesses Musicales was intended, quite literally, as a distraction for these children.

It has come a long way since then: now a world-wide federation with 32 member countries (including both Canada and Israel), it is currently holding its annual International Congress in Tel Aviv.

The congress coincides with Israel's 25th anniversary. As part of the celebration an orchestra made up of youngsters from all of the federation's members, and conducted by Zubin Mehta, is performing in several Israeli cities.

To publicize the congress, and, simultaneously, to raise money for a scholarship fund which is part of Canada's Jeunesses Musicales program, a social gathering under the theme "Divertimento, Opus I, Israel-Canada" was held in June. Mrs. Marcelle Gagne, the president of Montreal's Fund-Raising Committee of Jeunesse Musicales du Canada, considered the event an unqualified successs. Enough money was raised to award 30 scholarships, she said.

The scholarships are granted to young music students in the Montreal area to attend summer classes at the JMC Orford Arts Centre. This, said Mrs. Gagne, enables students to continue their studies during the summer when the conservatories are closed.

Yiddishist Shuber dies

TORONTO–

Harry (Zvi) Shuber, 67, Yiddish author, died Saturday in Toronto.

Shuber, who came to Canada from Poland at an early age, was employed in the dairy business. He retired early to devote the remainder of his life to writing. Five years ago, his book **Der Goldener Calve (The Golden Calf)** was published and at the time of his death, his second Yiddish book was going to press. Shuber also contributed articles to the Canadian Yiddish press.

He is survived by his wife, Annie, three children, Mr. Sims Shuber, Dr. Jack Shuber and Dr. Rose Shainin and grandchildren.

Garage with latest in underground art

By T. SCHNURMACHER
MONTREAL–

In an alleyway a few hundred feet from Metcalfe and St. Catherine in Westmount are several garages. Most of them contain cars, but one of them contains Murray Lightman's sculpture studio.

But Murray Lightman never studied art. The closest he ever got to any marble was at the monument firm of I. Berson where he worked as a sandblaster. Nevertheless 25-year-old Lightman was recipient of the 1970 Board of Governors Medal for creative expression from Sir George Williams University, receiving the gold medal for his first sculpture in soapstone.

Lightman received his BA from Sir George Williams University and like many other graduates, he drifted around.

"I lived on air and unemployment insurance," he says. Like many unemployed graduates, Lightman went to Europe. But unlike other students, Lightman stayed on in Italy for six months and worked at the studios of Henraux, a studio popular with many sculptors including Henry Moore.

Lightman was so impressed with Italy that he is now a finalist competing for the Elizabeth T. Greenshields Memorial Foundation grant. If successful, he hopes to spend a year in Italy to continue studying Michelangelo's technique by observing his unfinished works and examining his tool calligraphy.

The young sculptor outlined his plans for **The Canadian Jewish News**: "I want to set up a studio in Carrara. The marble there is fantastic and I hope to bring back 10 tons of it with me when I return to Montreal. I guess I'm going to have to get a small warehouse as I'm sure that my garage won't be large enough."

Though most sculptures today are created with the aid of pneumatic or electric tools, Lightman's work is done totally by hand. He explains: "I don't believe in using electrical equipment because I can only communicate fine detail properly using my hands. It takes much longer this way, but for me it is more eloquent. Also, an impoverished artist can't afford electrical tools. If Michelangelo could get along without electricity; so can I."

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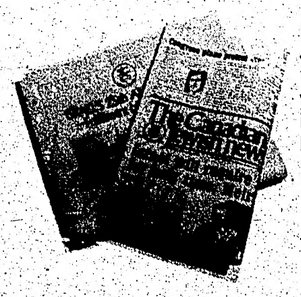

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Arts

Norman Jewison directs "What's the Buzz" in "Jesus Christ Superstar." He sets the mood with Ted Neeley.

Superstar is called distortion of history

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In Judea's tense climate of incipient rebellion, Jesus had everything to fear from the Romans, whose conditioned response to any civil disturbance was crucifixion. His untimely entrance into a crowded Jerusalem to press for reform of two points of temple practice--not for reform of the den of iniquity depicted in **Superstar**--provoked Pontius Pilate to leave Caesarea and surround Jerusalem with his legionaires.

Whatever the sequence of events which led to the arrest, trial, torture, and execution of Jesus by the Romans, it could not plausibly include two gross misrepresentations incorporated in **Superstar**'s scenario--miscarriage of justice by the Sanhedrin, and a merciful Pontius Pilate cowed by a Jewish mob.

Jewish law prohibited arrest by night and the conduct of court proceedings on the eve of sabbaths and festivals. As for Pilate, history records that his notoriety for ruthlessness was such that the Emperor Tiberius himself had him recalled for bringing dishonor to Rome.

As Max Dimont concludes, "All the internal evidence points to a Roman atrocity, not a miscarriage of Jewish justice. Jews never in their history crucified anybody, nor ever demanded crucifixion for anyone. In fact, the Jews came out in defence of the Christians."

Jesus Christ Superstar is not simply an insensitive film. It is a grievous defamation of Jewish religion, history and heritage, and requires an adequate response from the Jewish community. That response, hopefully, will not simply dwell on the insult, but actively educate Gentiles and Jews alike to the truth behind a monumental misunderstanding. For, if Jewison's production of **Superstar** can be chalked-up as a 4 million dollar misunderstanding, the price of that misunderstanding throughout Jewish history can never be measured in dollars alone.

Ordered on by Roman soldiers, Jesus (Ted Neeley) staggers under the weight of the cross.

Bland music scene could use some hot shtick

music

By RICK KARDONNE

As I predicted last December, the 1973 contemporary music scene has been, for the most part, bland. Except for two lyrically meaningful (if musically ordinary) hit singles by Dawn and Vicki Lawrence, plus the current Billy Preston blues number, the Top Forty has been so forgettable that the major rock stations must all fill up half their airspace with golden oldies. Good vocalists such as Bette Midler and Roberta Flack have been weighed down with vacuous songs, and the outputs of independent record outlets such as Motown and Stax-Volt have become pale echoes of the glorious past. The one bright spot is jazz, with Miles Davis, Isaac Hayes and the Mahavishnu Orchestra (featuring violinist Jerry Goodman) creating some of their best music ever.

Transvestite rock (such as David Bowie and Sylvester James) is just another innocuous fad that comes and goes, but I really do thing that Alice Cooper is sick, not for his bisexuality, but for his heavy overtones of violence and the utilization in his act of swastikas and other forms of fascist symbolism. Such "devil cults" have always been present alongside periods of Christian revivalism, and ominously create the sort of atmosphere in which political fascism can easily take hold.

Bearing all this in mind, the record albums that I recommend (all by Jewish artists) will probably not be played on CHUM, but I am sure they will give the listener much more stimulation than what is currently on the air:

Chava Alberstein's latest CBS album proves again that Israel's prime woman singer is also one of the best anywhere in the world. Her vocal skills, her choice of truly sophisticated and diverse material, and her simultaneously funky and elegant style speak the highest, not only for her but also for Israel's recording industry. Absolutely a first-rate record.

David George, a Sabra currently living in Toronto, has recorded a refreshingly varied album (on GAS records) of all originals. The strengths of the title cut, **A Bit of Both** are its lyric line, which can be interpreted as being a candid statement on the Jewish intellectual position in the Golah; plus a fine arrangement by Motown veteran E. Van der Pitt. CKFH has played this song. Another choice cut on the album is **Sudden and Easy**.

Carla Bley and the Jazz Composers Workshop. Recorded in New York 15 months ago and still never played over the air anywhere, this highly eclectic album may not always succeed in producing memorable melodies or progressions but it more than succeeds in trying to be original, an asset that's increasingly rare.

Neshamah (Rising Sun Records). Cantor Sherwood Goffin of New York's Lincoln Square Synagogue sings Hebrew and Yiddish songs backed up by Eric Weissberg (of **Deliverance**) and other top rock studio musicians.

The New Slavery (AME Records) contains excerpts from a secret 90-minute interview that was taped in the apartment of Leonid Rieger-man (now freed from Russian captivity) between Rabbi Stephen Riskin and several Soviet Jewish activists. The definitive account of the Soviet Jewish struggle; proceeds to go to New York's Centre for Russian Jewry (c/o AME Records, 142 West End Avenue, New York 10023, price $5.00).

Battling the inferno of hell

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

RICHIE by Thomas Thompson

The youth, his face contorted, began to descend the stairs toward his father. The menacing steak-knife in his raised right hand glinted in the dim half-light of the cellar. His mother began to plead almost hysterically, "O, my God, you two, please, oh please." But the hour was too late for entreaties. George Diener had produced a son that was an enemy "loose in his house." He aimed at his son's heart and fired.

When the police arrived George was quick to assure them that it was no accident. The grand jury that heard the evidence decided unanimously not to indict the distraught father.

There was nothing about George Diener and his family to suggest the possibility of searing drama. He was a hard- working salesman who by dint of much effort had managed to buy a comfortable home in East Meadow, N.Y. He was proud of his swimming pool, modern furniture, modest social life and his pert and intelligent wife who worked at a nearby school.

The trouble started when Richie was about 14. There were a few early hints of personality disturbance, but nothing extreme or unusual. It is true that the boy liked to be alone, was sometimes stubborn and undisciplined and given to fits of anger. But he was alert, and likeable, with a strong interest in nature and life about him.

When he was caught with marijuana, his troubled parents assured themselves that it was just an experiment on the part of an inquisitive youngster. Who could have fathomed the gradual but ineluctable slide into the world of barbiturates, LSD, and heroin?

What compounds the tragedy of Richie, is that George and Carol Diener were not uncaring, neglectful or stupid parents. Their greatest sin was an inability to face up to the stark facts. They hoped for the best, refused to take necessary steps until it was too late. When they finally sought help, there was precious little of value or meaning forthcoming from social agencies, local school officials or the busy police.

Thomas Thompson, a former staff writer for Life and a reporter of rare power and sensitivity presents the story with chilling intensity. We learn of the descent of a promising young man into a nether-world, his abortive and bungled attempts at local burglaries, his relationship with his drug-taking friends, the ever-widening gulf with his brother and parents.

George, reduced to desperation, issued threats and ultimatums, monitored his son's phone conversations, and then, all hope gone, fired his gun.

In East Meadow, there was shock, incredulity--and difference of opinion about the grand jury verdict. A local family-court judge felt that George should have been tried on a charge of murder; some of Richie's friends spoke of George as a vengeful reactionary who "flat hates kids."

This tragic story, related objectively and with masterful understatement should be read by every young person who thinks that he can handle drugs and by parents who just aren't sure about the answers.

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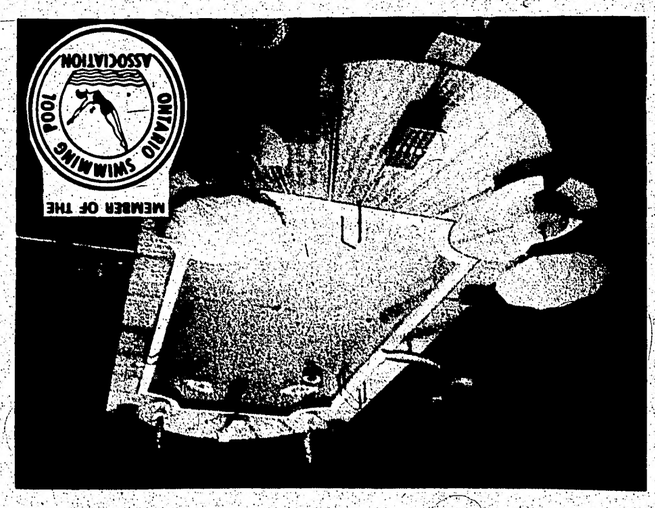

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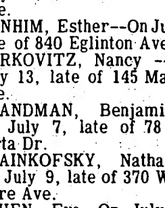

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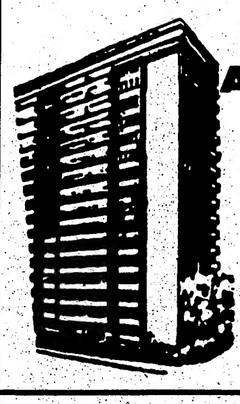

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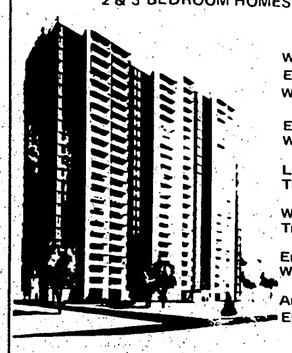

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Technion leaders gather to honor Harris' memory

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Leaders of Technion--Israel Institue of Technology --recently assembled on the Technion campus, along with friends and relatives of the late D. Lou Harris of Toronto, to honor his memory. Harris for many years was president of the Canadian Technion Society.

The memorial meeting took place on the site of the D. Lou Harris Student Dormitory, a project of the Canadian Technion Society, which is to be built in the near future.

It was attended by his sister Mrs. Rachel Rubinoff of Toronto, his cousin Ben Winter and Mrs. Winter of Netanya, numerous friends from Israel, Canada, U.S., South Africa, Australia and Europe.

Alexander Goldberg, Technion's president, said: "We all mourn the passing of D. Lou, the man who made our existence easier, the man who was a beacon for all Technion workers engaged in securing its future development. Whenever there was a crisis we turned to D. Lou Harris."

Carl Alpert, vice chairman of the board of governors, opened the ceremony, stating that "The D. Lou Harris Dormitory will not be a monument but rather a tangible symbol of his keen interest in the fate and the problems of the Technion students and a tribute to his leadership."

Justice Moshe Landau, former chairman of the board of governors who was associated with D. Lou for many years, said: "The young students of the Technion were his dearest asset. D. Lou Harris was noted for his deep humanity --he was the epitome of Canadian Jewry. If consolation is at all possible--we, his friends, must always remember that he was active till the last moment of his life."

UIA autonomy

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In the fall Hecht plans to initiate a recruitment program among young adults since "we're trying to get our gright young men involved in the source of fund raising and not only in its spending." In September he will preside over a series of regional conferences--from Vancouver to Halifax--in anticipation of the spring campaign.

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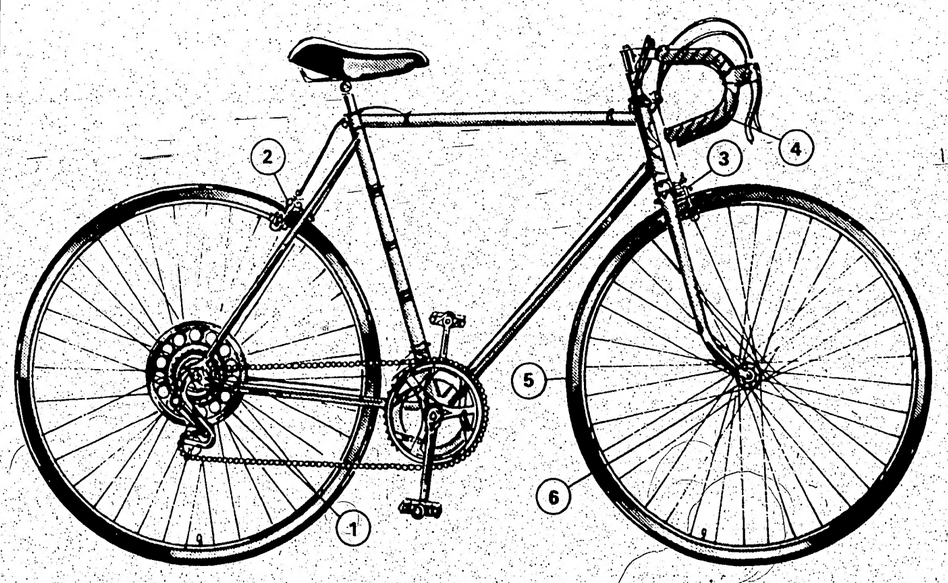

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JANE & FINCH Jane & Finch Mall
DIXIE Dixie Rd. & Hwy. 8
BRAMPTON 400 Queen St. W.
OAKVILLE Trafalgar Rd. & Leighland Ave.
BARRIE Bayfield Rd., Hwys. 26 & 27
RIVERDALE 467 Carlaw Ave.

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